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GENERAL ELECTION SOON?

TARIFF ISSUE FORCING IT.

SNOWDEN OPPOSED

SIR JOHN SIMON AND EMERGENCY TARIFF.

ONLY REMEDY

Mr. Philip Snowden's speech, in reply to the Budget debate, in which he made it clear that he was opposed to an Emergency Tariff, is regarded as forcing on the Country a General Election in order to decide, once more, the Tariff issue. It is expected that the Election will take place in November.

Important speeches were delivered yesterday by Sir John Simon, Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. William Graham. Sir John Simon lucidly explained the threat to sterling and, concluding his speech, plumped for an Emergency Tariff which, he maintained, was essential, though only a negative and partial measure.

Mr. Winston Churchill suggested the convening of an international conference, as powerful as it was possible to get together, in order to hold a "grand inquest" on the gold problem. He also appealed for a declaration upon the principle of immediate protection of industry and agriculture.

INTERNATIONAL GOLD CONFERENCE?

London, Yesterday.
An early General Election is regarded as most likely in view of Mr. Snowden's speech.

His speech, it is generally felt, displayed his real attitude to the question of tariff, and this must tend more and more to force an early election on the tariff issue.

It is calculated that should it be possible for Government to conclude its Parliamentary business in the week beginning September 28 or, at least, in the following week, a General Election will be possible early in November.

The new register of electors comes into force on October 15.

Chancellor's Reply.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Philip Snowden, replying to the Budget debate, said that discussion in regard to a gold standard and the analysis of the trade position had been barren of practical suggestions for remedies.

Emergency Tariff—No!

As regards tariffs, if the purpose was to prevent imports so as to redress the trade balance, the tariff would have to be prohibitive. There could be no such things as an emergency tariff, as experience had shown that a tariff once introduced lasted for years.

He reminded the House that restriction of imports would be a great blow to shipping.

If there were an international conference on the gold question, Government would be happy to participate.

The general debate has now concluded, and discussion of details will begin to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

Important Speeches.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Discussions in the House of Commons to-day of the Budget resolutions was opened by Mr. William Graham, and important speeches followed from Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir John Simon.

Britain's Adverse Trade Balance.

Both Mr. Graham and Mr. Churchill dealt with the decline in world commodity prices and discussed the question of Britain's adverse trade balance in the light of a possible aggravation of world depression by a

further sterilisation of the gold reserves.

30,000,000 Unemployed.

Mr. Graham said that unless commodity prices could be raised all over the world they must look forward to a winter in which, in the leading industrial countries of Europe and America, there would be not less than 30,000,000 people dependent on public assistance, and a situation might develop in Germany, and other parts of Europe, and even in the United States, which would make the maintenance of the present monetary system impossible.

The Gold Problem.

Mr. Churchill, who described the essence of a gold standard as a security stable return for wages of labour, said that the artificial and abnormal abstraction of gold in the last few years had created a new position. What would happen, he asked, if the ceaseless fall of prices, which had been going on for the last three years, went on for the next five?

"Ferocious Barbarism."

"Unless all the countries of the world," he said, "can either utilise gold for the function it has hitherto discharged, or can devise some new index of exchange, the continued fall of price and the destruction of credit will reduce civilisation in a short time to break down into ferocious barbarism. I hope that Government will, without a moment's delay, convene as most powerful conference which it is possible to bring together to open up a grand inquest into the laws of abstraction of gold and the consequent fall in prices."

Tariff A Boomerang.

On the subject of tariffs, Mr. Graham said, if Britain adopted a tariff policy, other countries by forcing up barriers against British goods would do more damage to her than she to them.

Protection for Industry and Agriculture.

Mr. Churchill, however, concluded his speech with an appeal for a declaration by the majority of the House of Commons upon the principle of immediate protection of industry and agriculture.

Inconsistent Winston.

Sir Norman Angell accused Mr. Churchill of inconsistency in

GANDHI SPEAKS.

CONGRESS AIMS OUTLINED.

INDEPENDENCE MAHATMA NOT NOW A BRITISH SUBJECT.

London, Yesterday.

The sitting of the Federal Structure Committee of the Round Table Conference was resumed this morning, and was marked by very keen interest as Mr. Gandhi was due to speak, putting the Congress case for the first time before the Round Table.

Interview with Sir Samuel Hoare. Before proceeding to St. James's Palace, Gandhi, it is understood, had a conversation with Sir Samuel Hoare, the India Secretary at the India Office.

To-day will be devoted to a continuation of speeches, especially by new delegates who wish to make their views known. It is expected by to-morrow that the Committee will be in a position to begin consideration of practical proposals for a new Federal Constitution of all India, in which the Indian States will take part.

Mahatma's Speech.

Mr. Gandhi, sitting on the left of Lord Sankey, was the first speaker. He spoke, seated, in slow sentences. His speech was not a prepared one, but he periodically referred to notes.

Congress and Untouchables. He said he did not wish at any stage to embarrass the Government or his Conference colleagues. "If at any time he considered he was unable to be of useful service to the Conference he would not hesitate to withdraw. Gandhi then sketched the aims of the Indian National Congress, on which all classes and religions were represented. From the very beginning Congress had taken up the cause of the so-called "untouchables."

Congress Goal.

Gandhi read the Karachi mandate, and declared that the goal of absolute independence stated therein remained intact. He had carefully read the Premier's statement on British policy, and found it fell far short of the Congress claims.

Equal Partnership.

Congress was not intent upon complete independence in order to parade before the universe that they had severed all connection with the British people. The mandate contemplated a partnership, as between two absolute peoples. While he no longer called himself a British subject, and would rather be called a rebel, he still aspired to be a citizen, not in the Empire, but in a commonwealth or partnership.—*Reuter.*

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. Gandhi also said, that he had come to London in a spirit of co-operation to try his utmost to find points of agreement. He was but a humble agent of the Indian National Congress, the oldest political organisation in India the idea of which originated with an Englishman, Mr. Allan Octavian Hume.

In regard to partnership, Congress claimed that either party should have the right to dissolve the partnership. It must, therefore, be of mutual benefit. Such a partnership between a Nation famed for having fought slavery and protected the weak and a Nation with a great history representing the two great cultures (Hindu and Moslem) had untold possibilities. If such a partnership were possible there must be

SIX VESSELS SUNK.

American Consul Dies from Exposure.

BELIZE DISASTER.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Yesterday.

It is reported that a hundred are dead, including the crew and 30 British Negroes aboard a coastguard ship when it and five Honduran schooners were sunk in the Belize hurricane.

Mr. Taggart, the American Consul at Belize, has died as a result of exposure during the hurricane.—*Reuter.*

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued to-day at 10.30 a.m. states:—

The anticyclone is now central over the Sea of Japan.

A trough of low pressure extends from Cochin-China to Guam.

Forecast:—East winds, moderate; fair to showery.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, nil. Total since January 1—70.32 inches against an average of 71.39 inches—deficit 1.07 inch.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 5 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong . . . 77
Manila . . . 77
Pratas Island . . . 81
Manila . . . 76
Poochow . . . 80
Amoy . . . 82
Chefoo . . . 64
Shanghai . . . 68

an auditing in the interests of both countries. He felt sure the British peoples would never wish India to bear more than her fair burden, and India would never repudiate a single claim she should justly discharge. He desired nothing more than to see an honourable and equal partnership between Great Britain and India.

Pandit Malaviya, who also spoke for the first time, endorsed Mr. Gandhi's remarks.

The Muhammadan representative, Sir M. Shafi, later cordially welcomed Mr. Gandhi's presence and promise to co-operate. He hoped and believed his presence would lead to that communal settlement, honourable to all parties, which was absolutely essential, not only for the success of the Conference but for the future of India.

Sir Samuel Hoare and Lord Reading welcomed the expression of views when controversial, but thought it would be advisable not to reply to them at present, but to start to work out the details of an All-Indian Federation within the British Empire which constituted their terms of reference.

The rest of the day was devoted mainly to an official discussion upon the question of direct and indirect election to the legislature. The general view from the British-Indian side was that representation in the Upper House should be by nomination by States Governments, but that, in the case of the House of Princes there should be a scheme of popular representation by indirect election on the line similar to that of British-Indian representation.

The Maharajah of Bikaner said he felt the method of representation was a matter for the decision of each individual State.

Sir M. Shafi emphasised that any opinions he expressed were subject to the decisions of the Minorities Sub-Committee on certain important communal questions. He also emphasised the claim of Moslems for a 33 1/3 representation in the Central Legislative of India as a whole.—*British Wireless Service.*

"UNREST" IN THE FLEET

WAR DEBTS.

WINSTON SUGGESTS SCRAPPING.

HOOVER PLAN

AMERICAN PAPER AND EXTENSION.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking in the House of Commons in the course of the Budget debate, suggested that an international conference should be called to deal with the question, and that as an outcome some form of final quietus be administered to the payment of Reparations and War Debts.

Chancellor's Reply.

Mr. Philip Snowden, in the course of his reply, referring to Mr. Winston Churchill's suggestion of an international conference on the gold question, said that Government would be happy to participate in such a conference if it was and could be convened.

Suggestion from America.

New York, Yesterday.
The Evening Post says that the Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board has recommended that President Hoover should extend immediately the War Debts Moratorium to three or four years.

Mr. Mellon Favours Extension. It is learned that Mr. Mellon favours an extension of the Hoover Plan to three years, and it is understood that at the conference with bankers last evening President Hoover consulted them in regard to the necessity of extending credit for the benefit of domestic and foreign interests, also the way in which the enormous stocks of Gold in the United States may be employed without undue inflation.

President's Secretary Refutes Idea.

The anxiety of authorities that no premature reports concerning extension of the Hoover Plan should be circulated is made evident by the fact that one of the President's secretaries when questioned declared, according to the Evening Post, that the report was a "complete fabrication" and added that the question of extending the moratorium had not been referred to any of the conferences and no such move was contemplated by White House.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NAKAMURA CASE.

"Merely One More of a Similar Kind."

NO DRASTIC ACTION.

Peking, Yesterday.

Both Chinese and Japanese officials here are taking a much less serious view of the Nakamura case than seems to be the case elsewhere.

Sportsmanlike Attitude.

It is understood that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is adopting a "sportsmanlike" attitude in the matter, declaring that if China had done wrong she must admit it and make amends, while the Japanese Legation ridicules the rumours current that drastic action was to be taken by Japan, and asserting that there have been a number of similar cases in the past few years and this was merely one more.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL RATINGS RESENT WAGE CUTS.

EXERCISES SUSPENDED

REPRESENTATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY ADMIRALTY.

FLEET RETURNING HOME

A proportion of the lower Naval ratings of the Atlantic Fleet having expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed cut in wages, and as "Unrest" made itself evident in their midst, Rear Admiral Wilfred Tomkinson decided to suspend the Exercises upon which the Fleet was to have started on September 22, and return to Port.

The Fleet was in the North Sea, where the manoeuvres were to have been held, so it is now re-assembling at Invergordon in Scottish waters.

The men's grievances are to be investigated and a report will be submitted to the Admiralty Board for consideration.

It is reported that among the personnel of ships in Plymouth there are no signs of dissatisfaction. They had the position explained to them and accepted the cuts without demur.

RETICENCE IN OFFICIAL QUARTERS

London, Yesterday.

A statement issued by the Admiralty declared that "the Senior Officer of the Atlantic Fleet has reported that the promulgation of reduced rates in Naval pay has led to unrest among a proportion of the lower ratings."

"In consequence of this the officer deemed it desirable to suspend the programme of exercises of the Fleet and recall ships to harbour while investigations

need for economy and the ratings, apparently, accepted the cuts without demur.

The Senior Officer is Rear-Admiral Wilfred Tomkinson who was posted Rear-Admiral Commanding the Battle Cruiser Squadron in April, 1931, when Sir Michael Hodges, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, went on sick leave.

The Proposed Manoeuvres. Atlantic Fleet manoeuvres were arranged to begin on September 22 in the North Sea, and were to include demonstrations of the latest methods of naval warfare. H.M.S. Nelson, Rodney, Hood, Repulse and Warspite are among the units of the Fleet.

There is the greatest reticence in official quarters over the affair. Protest Meetings and Petitions.

It is reported from Invergordon that meetings protesting against cuts in pay were held on Sunday and Monday by hundreds of men on shore leave.

No men were allowed ashore yesterday.

It is stated that the men are awaiting the return of the Officer who flew to London yesterday with the news of the protests. Three hundred and seventy-five seamen of the battleship Iron Duke at Rosyth are reported to have signed a petition against the cuts.

Premier's Talks with Men.

It is stated that when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald visited Portsmouth during the week-end to see the Schneider Race from the aircraft carrier Courageous, belonging to the Atlantic Fleet, he talked to the men of the lower docks in regard to the cuts and explained the financial position of the country, and asked them to pass on the information to their shipmates. The men thanked him for his friendly talk.—*Reuter.*

HOLLAND'S BUDGET DEFICIT.

Economy Campaign to Be Embarked Upon.

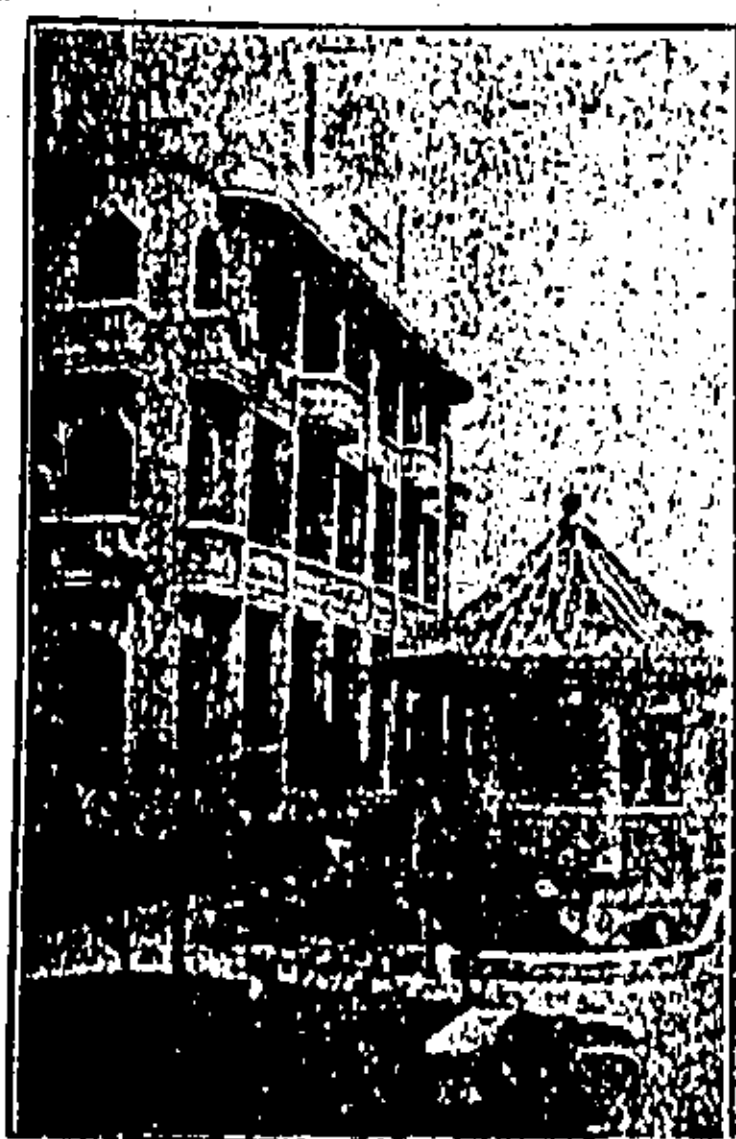
DRASTIC USE OF AXE.

The Hague, Yesterday.

Introducing the Budget, the Finance Minister estimated the deficit as 75,000,000 Guilders, which will be reduced to 20,500,000 Guilders by drastic economies.

Queen's Speech. The grave effect of the world crisis on Holland was stressed in the Speech from the Throne by Queen Wilhelmina, on the opening of Parliament to-day.

The Speech announces that temporary measures are under consideration with a view to safeguarding certain vital branches of industry from ruin, and adds that the Government intends to bring the interests of agriculture, industry and commerce together in one department.—*Reuter.*



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"UP THE RIVER."

The screen of screams! "Up The River," a gorgeous melange of rib-tickling dialogue and uproarious situations, will be shown at the King's Theatre to-day. The picture is undoubtedly one of the funniest offerings since the advent of talking pictures.

It would only spoil a perfect comedy to reveal the plot here. Spencer Tracy and Warren Hymer take first honours as the two self-appointed Cupids, with Claire Luce and Humphrey Bogart as the young lovers and William Collier, Sr., as the hard-boiled life giving splendid performances.

"Joan" ("Cherie") Lawes, delightful child actress, who makes her debut in this Movietone mirthquake, could not fail to be convincing as the warden's daughter as she plays a real life role; her own father being none other than Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing Prison.

See "Up The River" by all means; it's a genuine treat.

"ALOHA"

Can you take a beautiful wild creature and acclimate her to the effects of atmosphere of riches and society? Can you put a gorgeous Bird of Paradise in a gilded cage without breaking its gallant spirit? "Aloha," the Tiffany special production featuring Ben Lyon, Raquel Torres and an all-star cast commencing to-day at the Central Theatre, tells the story of a wealthy young American who marries a tropical beauty and takes her to his aristocratic San Francisco home.

But Ilanu was only half native. The white strain of her father made her feel superior to the members of her mother's race, who were darker skinned than she. And when she went among her husband's people all the courage and spunk in her wanted to be like his friends, but it was so hard to understand their ways.

Comedy blends with the romance and drama of "Aloha." The cast in support of Ben Lyon and Raquel Torres includes Robert Edeson, Alan Hale, Thelma Todd, Marian Douglas, Otis Harlan, T. Roy Barnes, Robert Ellis, Donald Reed, Al St. John, and Dickie Moore.

"CIMARRON"

Hundreds of champion trick riders, bronco busters, bull-doggers and marksmen appear in "Cimarron," Radio Pictures' epic of history, which is showing at the Queen's Theatre.

Most of them have been identified with films for years, but owing to the temporary eclipse of "westerns," have been employed by "dude ranches" throughout the Southwest during the last year. Among them are: Bill Patton, former western star, who won the world's bronco busting championship at Brownsville, Texas, in 1911; Denver, 1926; and Miles City in 1916.

Gordon Jones, who was roping champion at the Salinas, California, meet in 1928 and winner of international roping honours at Wembley, England, in 1924.

Kenneth Cooper, world's champion rider of bucking horses. Colonel Whitehorse, world's champion Indian bronco-buster and pistol artist.

All perform feats of riding, roping and fancy shooting in "Cimarron," which stars Richard Dix in the colourful role of Yancey Cravat.

Opposite Dix is Irene Dunne as Sabra, his wife.

"BODY AND SOUL"

"I have never seen a woman with green eyes who is not a good actress," declared Alfred Santell, one of the most successful directors of all talking pictures. This idea may have influenced him in selecting Elissa Landi and Myrna Loy for the principal feminine roles of his latest Fox Movietone, "Body And Soul," for Miss Landi has the greenest of eyes and Miss Loy's eyes are of similar colour.

"Body And Soul" is described as one of the most fascinating and intriguing love stories ever filmed. It tells the story of a handsome young aviation officer who falls in love with a girl, who, later, is accused of being a spy. He becomes involved in the accusation, and escapes a Court martial only when the girl's true identity is startlingly revealed.

Humphrey Bogart is also featured in the Fox drama which is coming to the King's Theatre on Saturday.

"THE DRUMS OF JEOPARDY"

Dangers, terrors, thrills! Fast action, tense situations, narrow escapes. A thrill-a-second in a story concocted by that master magician of terror, Harold MacGrath.

"The Drums of Jeopardy," the Tiffany picture to be shown at the Central Theatre at the next change of programme, are figures suspended on a famous necklace. If a drum should be received by a man it is an omen of death, according to superstition. It belongs to the Petroffs, Russian royalty. One of them gives it to his sweetheart and when she dies her father returns the drums—one by one.

"The Drums of Jeopardy" is a real big thriller, featuring Warner Oland, June Collier, Lloyd Hughes and a famous cast including Wallace MacDonald, George Fawcett, Misha Auer, Hall Hamilton, Ernest Hilliard, and Florence Lake.

"SHIPMATES"

Robert Montgomery trained with the U.S.S. Colorado's crack six-inch gun crew for his first starring role in "Shipmates," the thrilling Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

Dorothy Jordan plays opposite Montgomery in the film and the cast includes Ernest Torrence, Hobart Bosworth, Cliff Edwards, Gavin Gordon, Joan Marsh, Edward Nugent, E. Allen Warren, George Irving, Hedda Hopper and William Worthington.

TWO FOOLISH THINGS.

Judge Crawford, at Edmonton County Court, said he had no sympathy with a debtor because he had indulged in two foolish things:—
Going to law; and
Riding a motor-cycle and sidecar.
"Keep away from these things," advised the judge.

9.55-10.28 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
Folly to be Wise—Selection (Hupfeld, Ruby & Braun).
Percival Mackey & His Band (DX219).

Nippy—A Couple of Fine Old Schools (Eytan & Mayr).
Clifford Mollison & Arthur Riscoe.

Nippy—While We're in Love (Eytan & Mayr).
Arthur Riscoe & Betty Shale (DX351).

The Song of the Drum—Selection (Ellis & Fink).
Herman Fink & His Orch. (DX238).

The Bell of New York—Vocal Gems (Morton & Kerker).
Columbia Light Opera Co. (9226).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 885 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.05-7.30 p.m.—Band Selections.
Paul Rubens Memories (Rubens), Ivan Caryll Memories (Caryll), Debroy Somers' Band (9682).
Les Sirenes (Waldteufel), Les Patineurs (Waldteufel), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9463).
The Evolution of Dixie (Lake), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (DX228).

7.30-8 p.m.—Light Piano Solo.
Solos.
Let's Go Native, Safety in Numbers, Billy Mayerl (DB287).

Any Time's the Time to Fall in Love, Sink, You Sinner, Billy Mayerl (DB224).
Love Race, Sons of Guns, Billy Mayerl (DB188).

The Birth of the Blues, My Heart Stood Still, Edythe Baker (9217).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
8.05-8.32 p.m.—Operatic.

Song—Madame Butterfly—One Fine Day (Puccini), La Boheme—They Call Me Mimì (Puccini), Doris Vane, Soprano (9652).

Band—The Meistersingers—Selection (Wagner), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9424).

Song—Romeo and Juliet—Tis There! All Hall! Oh Tomb (Gounod), Romeo and Juliet—Ah! Fairer Star (Gounod), William Heseltine (Tenor) (9276).

8.32-9.15 p.m.—Variety.
String Quartet—Kawakami, Honolulu, Hawaiian Silver String Quartet (5431).

Song—Happy Days and Lonely Nights, Beloved, Ruth Elting (Comedienne) (6110).

London Street Noises—Beauchamp Place, Brompton Road, Leicester Square, Explanations by Commander Daniel (9413).

Band—Spanish or Castanet Dance, Highland Military Band (4571).

Descriptive Ballad—Clatter Havin', My Ain Foein', Columbia Dramatic Players (DX200).

Song—Ten Cents a Dance, Love is Like That, Ruth Elting (Comedienne) (DB440).

9.15-9.55 p.m.—A Concert.
Violin Solo—Caprice Viennois (Kreisler), Naoum Blinder (DX7).
Vocal Duet—Moon—Enchanted (Dowden & Bealy), Dora Labbette and Hubert Elsdell with the J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9895).

Pianoforte Solo—Tango (Albeniz), Moment Musical (Schubert-Godowsky), Left Boulsnoff (4830).

Vocal Quintette—Songs of Old Erin—Medley (arr. J. Francis), The Maestros (DX232).

Organ Solo—Toccata in F (from "Symphony No. 5") (Widor), Quentin M. MacLean (DX66).

Song—The Organ Blower (McGill & Barker), Sinners and Saints (Lockton & Geehl), Raymond Newell, Baritone (DX206).

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre:
"Up The River."
To-day—Queen's Theatre:
"Cimarron."
To-day—Central Theatre:
"Aloha."
To-day—Majestic Theatre:
"Quick Millions."
To-day—Star Theatre:
"Devil May Care."

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 5.

Home Malls.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia and Garbeta).

Lammert's Auction.
To-morrow—At Kowloon Naval Depot—old and surplus victualling stores, 9.30 a.m.

September 21—At 166, The Peak, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Meeting.
To-morrow—Y.M.C.A. members' meeting, 9 p.m.

AIR TRANSPORT AN
AID TO COMMERCE.

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consignment, might exceed a convenient size or weight, it is usually possible to divide this among several separate and smaller cases. Important industries are making a growing use of air transit for the dispatch of samples of all kinds. Coffee planters in Kenya Colony are now able, for example, thanks to the African airway, to get samples of their crops through to London in a matter of days rather than of weeks, while Egyptian cotton crop samples are also consigned to London by air-mail.

Fragile articles of all kinds are dispatched by aeroplane not only on account of the speed, but also for the reason that air-borne goods receive such care in handling and transport. An important point to bear in mind, when considering the airway as a means of transport for urgent loads, is that insurance is cheaper by air than by surface travel, owing to the absence of pilferage, and the greatly-reduced risk of breakage.

Wireless valves in very large numbers are consigned by air in the machines of Imperial Airways between London and the continent; so, also, are such articles as wireless loud-speakers. It is increasingly the habit, too, on account of the special handling it receives, to send delicate electrical apparatus by air. Perishable goods of all kinds are included constantly in aerial cargoes, mangoes and other tropical fruits now arriving in a fresh condition in London, thanks to the speed with which they are air-borne to England along the Empire air-mail routes. Highspeed travel by air is also proving not only the most rapid, but also the most humane, way of sending dogs, poultry, and other livestock from this country to destinations abroad.

It may be appropriate, finally, to emphasise the fact that nearly all the bullion dispatched from London to the continent is now air-borne, because this is a conclusive tribute not only to the speed, but also to the security, of modern transport by air.

A cobra, about 11½ feet in length, was killed by a Malay recently and brought before the Assistant District Officer, Sitawan, for the usual reward, which was given him.

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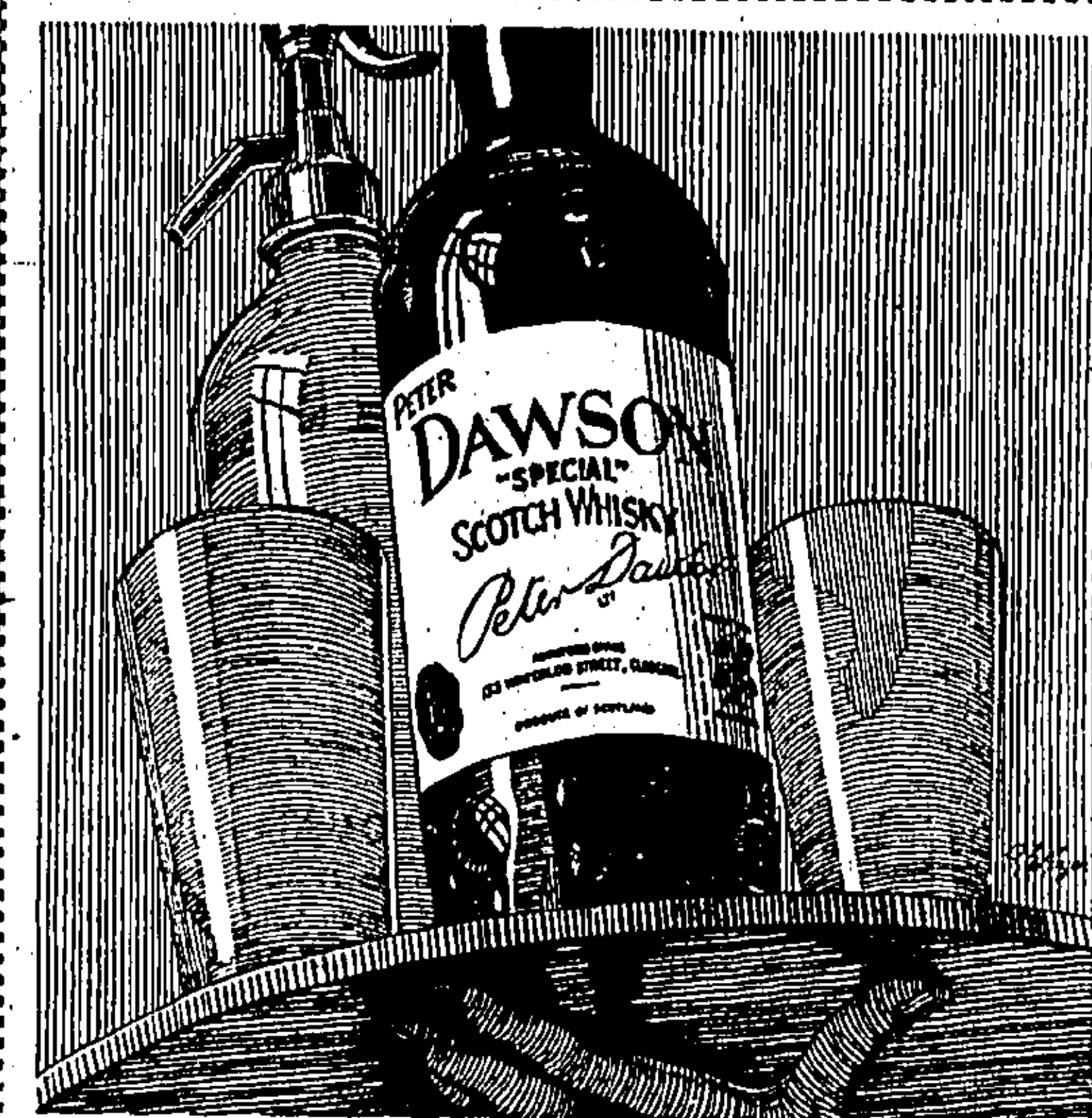
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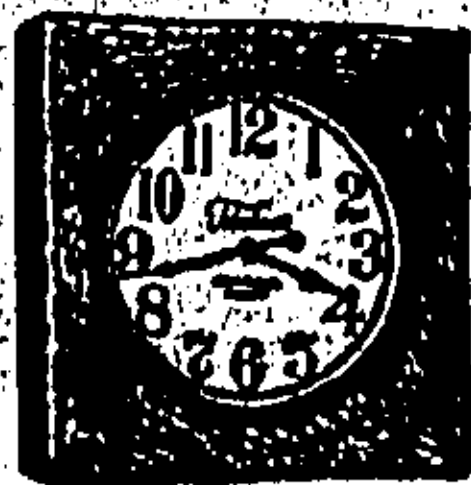
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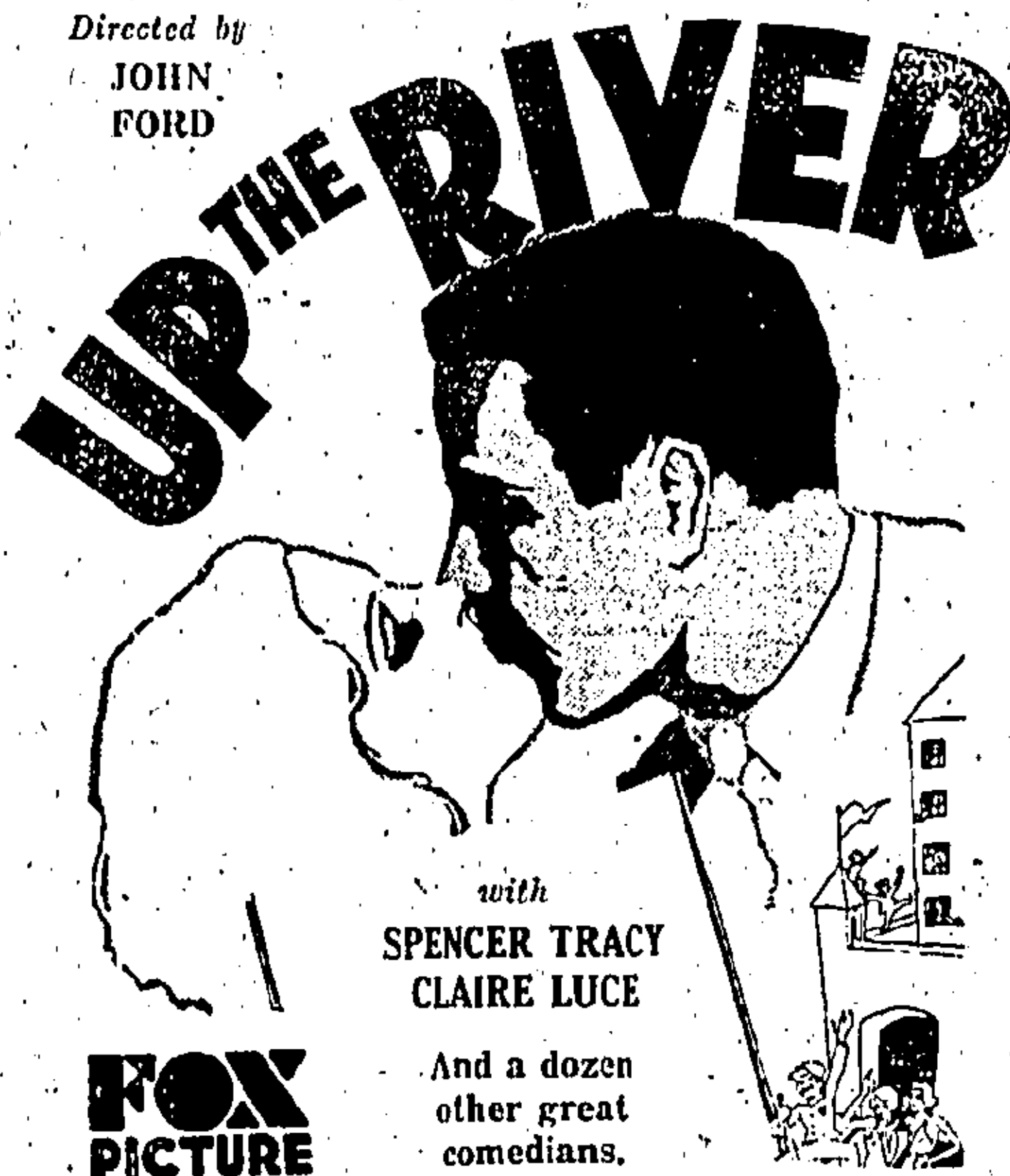
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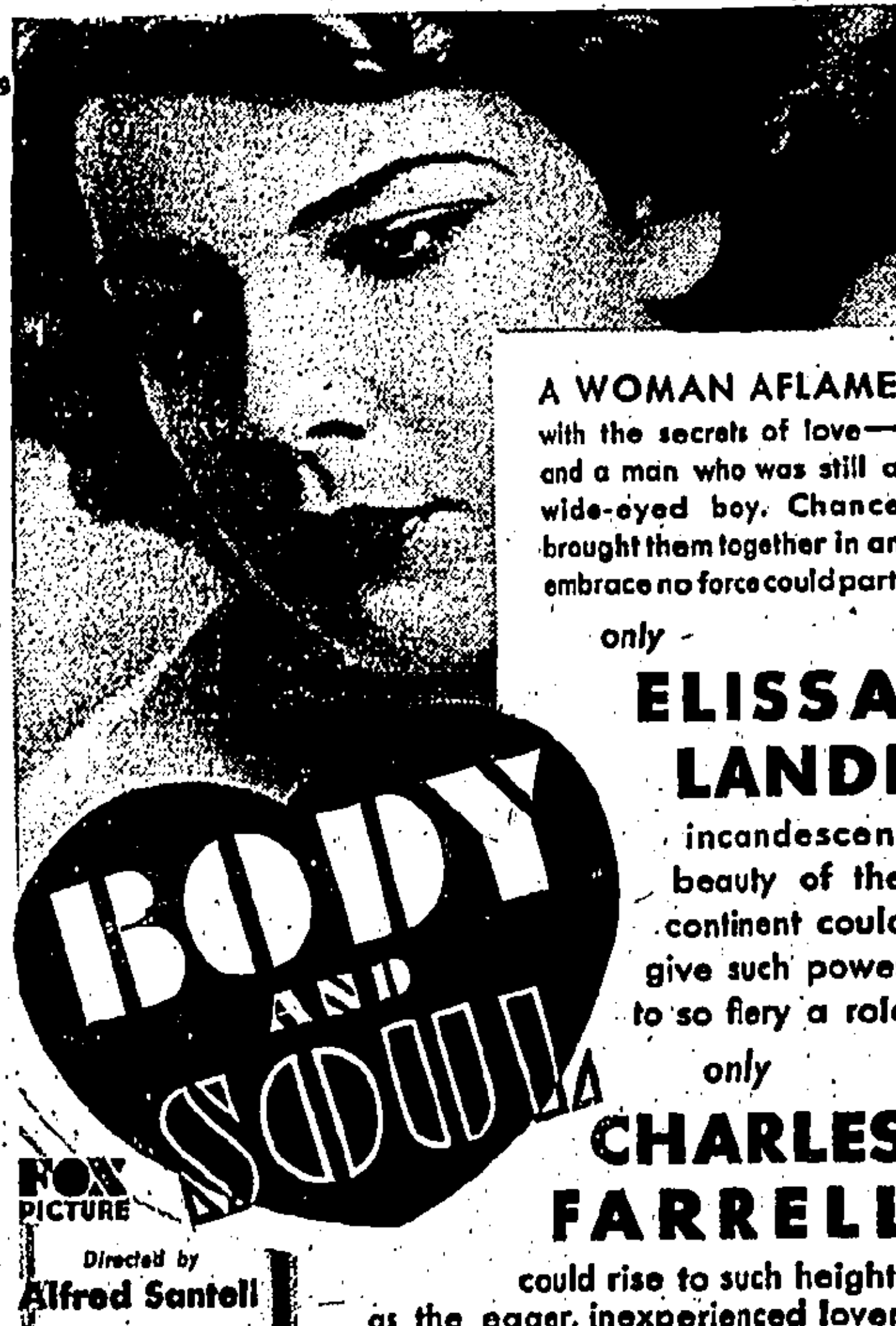
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

INTERPORT BOWLS SELECTIONS.

To Meet Visitors from
the North.

THE THREE BEST SKIPS?

The Selection Committee appointed by the Lawn Bowls Association for the purpose of selecting the Hong Kong Interport Bowls team and other representative rinks has made the following selections.

First Match.
To be played on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club ground.
J. Punccheon
A. M. Holland
J. Fraser
F. C. Cullen (Skip).
Reserves: R. Bana and J. C. Brown.

Second Match.
To be played on the Tai Koo R.C. ground.
G. L. Buchanan.
J. Lalng
N. Drummond
U. M. Omar (Skip).
Reserves: G. McLeod and E. el Artulli.

Third Match.
To be played on the Club de Recreio.
H. Hampton
R. F. Luz
R. Lapsley
A. E. Silkatone (Skip).
Reserves: C. E. Marques and W. Russell.

In addition to the interport series, three unofficial games have been arranged with the visitors, who will meet in turn Kowloon, Victoria and a Combined Second Division team.

The following are the players and reserves selected:

Kowloon Team.
Match to be played on the Kowloon C.C. ground.
F. L. Marques.
J. Gibson
J. C. Brown
W. Russell (Skip).
Reserves: L. C. R. Souza and C. G. Silva.

Victoria Team.
Match to be played on the Craig-enger C.C. ground.
E. B. Reed
L. E. Longbottom
D. Rumjahn
R. Bana (Skip).
Reserves: J. Hollidge and J. C. West.

Combined 2nd Division.
Match to be played on the H.K. Electric R.C. ground.
C. S. Bent
W. H. B. Muskett
W. S. Drake
R. K. Duncan (Skip).
Reserves: D. Munro and A. L. Shields.

MIGHTY JESSOP'S SUCCESSOR.

Some Shows Good Form
With Bat and Ball.

The Rev. G. L. O. Jessop, who was recently ordained at Portsmouth Cathedral and is assistant curate at Havant Parish Church, is maintaining his early promise of following in the footsteps of his illustrious father, "Gilbert L." Batting for Havant against North Hants C.C., at Basingstoke some time ago, he hit 51 in 20 minutes, and took six wickets for 44.

Recently, young Jessop scored 22 in one over in his contribution of 96 against the Hants Club and Ground, and in a previous game for Havant he took five wickets for 10, all his victims being clean bowled.

Cricketing members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that an inter-Club practice match will take place on Saturday.

No player can develop football sense without forming a habit of quick, accurate observation. To make the most of any situation, he must know at a glance not only exactly where each player is, but in what direction he is moving.—John Graves.

GRIMSBY'S FIRST VICTORY.

HOME WIN.

Rochdale Improve Their
Position.

RANGERS' SUCCESSFUL.

London, Yesterday.
Full results of to-day's League matches as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.
Grimsby T. 2 Bolton W. 0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	5	3	2	1	20	9	8
Huddersfield	5	3	2	0	17	8	8
Middlesbrough	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Blackpool	5	3	1	1	7	7	7
West Brom.	5	3	1	2	8	4	7
Everton	4	3	0	1	9	5	6
Sheffield U.	5	3	0	2	11	5	6
Manchester C.	5	2	2	2	7	8	6
Aston Villa	4	2	1	1	11	5	5
Leicester C.	5	2	1	2	11	8	5
Liverpool	5	2	1	2	7	8	5
Portsmouth	5	2	1	2	7	11	5
Arsenal	5	1	1	1	12	7	5
Bolton W.	2	1	3	1	12	15	5
Newcastle	4	2	0	2	7	7	4
Birmingham	4	1	2	1	9	7	4
West Ham	5	2	0	3	5	12	4
Blackburn R.	5	1	1	3	6	13	3
Sunderland	5	1	1	3	5	8	3
Grimsby	5	1	0	4	6	11	2
Chelsea	5	1	0	4	6	11	2
Derby C.	5	1	0	4	6	12	2

Third Division (North).
Rochdale 1 Stockport C. 0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Gateshead	5	5	0	0	16	2	10
Lincoln C.	5	5	0	0	17	8	10
Southport	5	5	0	1	11	7	10
Crewe A.	5	4	0	1	13	7	8
Wrexham	5	3	2	1	12	8	8
Barrow	5	4	0	2	11	8	8
Hull City	5	3	0	2	10	6	6
York City	5	3	0	2	6	10	6
Chester	5	3	0	2	11	7	6
Tranmere R.	5	3	0	3	15	7	6
Accrington S.	5	2	1	2	13	14	5
Rochdale	5	2	1	2	8	17	5
Halifax	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Rotherham	5	2	0	3	14	13	4
Hartlepool	5	0	4	1	8	14	4
Carlisle U.	5	2	1	2	12	15	4
Walsall	5	2	0	4	7	11	4
Doncaster R.	5	1	1	3	9	14	3
Darlington	5	1	1	3	8	12	3
Wigan Boro	5	1	1	4	7	18	3
Stockport	5	1	1	4	5	7	3
N. Brighton	5	0	1	5	3	10	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.
Rangers 4 Aberdeen 1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	10	8	1	1	28	10	17
Kilmarnock	10	7	2	1	20	9	16
Celtic	9	5	4	0	28	9	14
Motherwell	9	5	2	1	24	10	14
Third Lanark	8	5	1	2	18	11	11
Aberdeen	9	4	3	2	11	11	11
Cowdenbath	10	4	3	3	17	20	11
Clyde	9	5	0	4	14	14	10
St. Mirren	10	5	0	5	15	18	10
Partick T.	9	4	1	4	17	14	9
Hearts	10	4	1	5	10	11	9
Dundee	8	3	2	3	14	17	7
Morton	9	3	1	5	15	13	7
Falkirk	9	2	3	4	14	17	7
Hamilton A.	10	2	3	5	18	22	7
Airdrieonians	10	3	1	6	17	23	7
Dundee U.	10	2	3	5	13	20	7
Queen's Park	10	2	2	6	9	26	6
Leith A.	9	2	1	6	9	18	5
Ayr U.	10	0	8	7	13	28	3

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.
Derby Cnty. v. Everton
Liverpool v. Middlesbrough
Portsmouth v. Arsenal
Sunderland v. Birmingham

Second Division.
Bradford v. Charlton Ath.
Manchester U. v. Stoke City
Notts Forest v. Preston N.E.
Plymouth A. v. Bristol City

Third Division (South).
Bristol R. v. Clapton O.
Crystal Pal. v. Brighton
Exeter C. v. Northampton
Swindon T. v. Queen's P.R.
Torquay U. v. Fulham
Watford v. Mansfield T.

Third Division (North).
Chester v. Hartlepool
Darlington v. Hull City
York City v. Gateshead

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.
Motherwell v. Third Lanark
Partick T. v. Dundee

ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS.

Garrison Schools in
Opposition.

KOWLOON WIN.

A large crowd witnessed the annual aquatic sports of the Garrison Schools at the V.R.C. yesterday when many interesting and thrilling displays of the best competitive spirit were shown throughout the afternoon. At the conclusion of the sports H. E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., distributed the prizes.

Full results were as follows:
Boys' Championship—100 yards.
—1st Heat, Robert Gascoigne, 2 Harry Clarke, 3 Ronald Fox. 2nd Heat, 1 John Urrsell, 2 Rex Burns, 3 Peter Birmingham.
Novices' Race (Over 9½ years)
—1 Length—1st Heat, 1 Leonard Pinfold, 2 Stanley Didsbury, 3 Ella Whitehead. 2nd Heat, 1 Bobbie Maycock, 2 Florrie Fowler, 3 Margt. Firmston.
Novices' Race (Under 9½ years)
—1 Length—1st Heat, 1 Arthur Clarke, 2 Norman Self, 3 Doreen Williams. 2nd Heat, 1 Douglas Burns, 2 Jack Fettes, 3 Patr. Pasco.
Long Plunge—Open—1 John Urrsell, 2 Peter Birmingham, 3 Marie Shoosmith.

Boys' Handicap (10—12 years)
—2 Lengths—1st Heat, 1 Rex Burns, 2 Ron. Gascoigne, 3 Chas. Haslam. 2nd Heat, 1 Peter Birmingham, 2 Harry Clarke, 3 Francis Allen.
Girls' Handicap (10—12 years)
—2 Lengths—Final—1 Iris Macfarlane, 2 Marjorie Williams.
Boys' Handicap (Over 12 years)
—3 Lengths—Final—John Urrsell.
Girls' Handicap (Over 12 years)
—3 Lengths—Final—1 Peggy George, 2 Joan Shoosmith.
Girls' Handicap (8—10 years)
—1 Length—1st Heat, 1 Ella Whitehead, 2 Eva Shave. 2nd Heat, 1 Iris Perkins, 2 Iris Mitchell.

Juniors' Handicap (6—8 years)
—1 Length—Final—1 Douglas Burns, 2 Willie Webb.
High Dive—Boys (Cup presented by Major-General C. G. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.)—1 Ch. Haslam, 2 Willie Webb, 3 Harry Clarke.
High Dive—Girls (Cup presented by 1st Bn. Somerset Light Infantry)—1 Iris Perkins, 2 Winnie George.

Cubs' Handicap—1 Length
(Prizes presented by the Cub Mistress, Mrs. C. Scott Little)—1 Chas. Haslam, 2 Leonard Pinfold.
Boys' Championship—100 yards
—Final. (Cup presented by Major-General Sir John Fowler)—1 John Urrsell, 2 Robt. Gascoigne, 3 Harry Clarke.

Girls' Championship—100 yards
—Final. (Cup presented by Lady Fowler)—1 Peggy George, 2 Winnie George.
Novices' Race (Over 9½ years)
—1 Length—Final—1 Leonard Pinfold, 2 Bobbie Maycock, 3 Florrie Fowler.
Novices' Race (Under 9½ years)
—1 Length—Final—1 Douglas Burns, 2 Norman Self, 3 Arthur Clarke.
Boys' Handicap (10—12 years)
—2 Lengths—Final—1 Rex Burns, 2 Ronald Gascoigne, 3 Harry Clarke.
Boys' Handicap (8—10 years)
—1 Length—Final. 1 Arthur Clarke, 2 Stanley Didsbury.
Girls' Handicap (8—10 years)
—1 Length—Final—1 Iris Perkins, 2 Iris Mitchell.
Team Race—Hong Kong v. Kowloon. (Teams of 6, each to swim one length).—Won by Kowloon.

GUNN'S UNDEFEATED CENTURY.

Drawn Match at
Trent Bridge.

London, Yesterday.
At Trent Bridge to-day the New Zealanders drew with Sir Julian Cahn's XI. George Gunn signalled his conclusion of the season with an undefeated century.

Scores as cabled by Reuter were as follows:
New Zealand: 196 and 129 for 2.
Sir Cahn's XI: 312 for 8 dec.
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THE ART OF LOB BOWLING

[By Peter Merrill.]

When I and two other veterans, sitting in front of Lord's pavilion, were discussing the disappearance of lob bowling from county and club cricket since the war, a brisk young batsman intervened with a rhetorical question: "You want to revive that old Hambleton stuff? Might as well expect us to bat in top-hats again!"

One of my companions was his uncle, an affluent person, and he was persuaded to sit down and hear a little history, writes Peter Merrill in the Evening News. We did not go back to the ancient days before the invention of round-arm bowling (by Tom Walker in 1787), when the modern over-arm, called "cartwheel stuff" by the purists and not legalised by the M.C.C. until 1864, was still undreamed of. Our young friend would not have been impressed by a mention of David Harris, the terror of all visitors to Broad Halfpenny, who certainly kept "a proper length" and somehow contrived to deliver the ball more than hip-high so as to secure a deceptive flight.

Long-Stops Were Terrified.

And he would have refused to believe the half-legendary stories (as I did until I knew better) of the surprising pace of such famous under-hand bowlers as Osbaldeston, who terrified long-stops as much as batsmen, and Brown of Brighton who needed a string of three fielders behind the wicket and once beat the lot of them with a ball that killed a dog on the boundary. There is truth in these terrible old tales as I shall show later on—but Brown's bit of scarlet lightning is as mythical, I do believe, as the catch of a passing swallow made by a black-bearded member of the first Australian team to arrive up here from down under.

What we did was to give our young batsman a dose of authentic statistics, beginning with the extraordinary achievement of Alfred Lyttelton in England v. Australia at the Oval in August, 1884. Australia had scored 532 for six and everybody had had a turn with the ball, except the wicket-keeper. So "W. G." (even then called "The Old Man" behind his elephantine back) ordered Lyttelton to doff his pads and two pairs of gloves and try an over of lobs. He had eight overs, and took the four outstanding wickets for 19 runs! Talking over this incident in the nineties, that famous "lobster" assured me:

(1) That his four victims "did not get out, but were got out," and

(2) That his captain's only comment was: "Well, Alfred, I knew your lobs were pretty bad, but didn't know they were as bad as all that."

Alfred Lyttelton was interested in my own experiments in lob bowling, and before a country-house match in 1891 introduced me to the captain of my side as "a rare monster—a left-captain lob-bowler who knows a lot of tricks."

And in those years, whether playing in country-house cricket or

making up an M.C.C. side against a public school or a club in the Home Counties, I was always liable to be called up out of "the country" and told to do my worst whenever two batsmen looked like digging themselves in. I found that certain brands of public school batsmen—for example, "Winchester" men—always knew what to do with lobs, but the experiment was sometimes quite successful.

Forgive this egotistical digression. I'll proceed with a little statistical lecture. We went on to remind our young friend that, in 1892, at the age of 43, Humphreys, of Sussex, actually took 148 wickets for his county, his victims including many of the super-batsmen of the period. Then we mentioned D. L. A. Jephson's wonderful feat in Gentlemen v. Players at Lord's at the end of last century, when he broke the back of the professionals with his fast, low spinning deliveries. Six wickets in 18 overs for 21, and the only "rabbit" in his bag was Walter Mead, the other victims being Hayward, Brockwell, Storer, Albert Trott, and Hirst!

Proud of His Verse.

Jephson never thought much of his lobs; he was prouder far of his cricketing verse, which he more than once recited to me; and I recall with regretful pleasure the finale of his ballad of batting against the clock:

The last ball hung like a ripened peach;

The skipper stood firm as a rock,

Then swung his bat, and away she flew,

And shattered the face of the clock.

Our young friend now admitted there might be something in under-hand bowling, so we finished the process of conversion by introducing George Simpson-Hayward of "Fostershire," unquestionably the greatest of all modern lob-bowlers. He was originally a quite useful fast bowler, but he had long, strong fingers ("prehensile," he called them), and started investigating the possibilities of spin produced by finger-snap with a tennis ball. He found that, bowling underhand, he could break the ball either way and at the same time cause it to come from the pitch at a great pace.

What Was He Up To?

You could not tell by watching his hand—as you can in the case of an over-arm bowler what he was up to, so that his stuff often had the unexpectedness of a goosly. He also made use of a very accurate high full-pitch, which was a terror of nervous or "pokey" batsmen. Year after year he was a mainstay of the Worcestershire attack, and he was feared even by the most quick-footed batsmen. He took five wickets for 17 in Gentlemen v. Players at the Oval (1903). But it was on the matting pitches of South Africa that he achieved his most startling successes. It was during the era of four great goosly experts, Faulkner, Vogler, Schwartz, and White, that he visit-

ed the sub-Continent, and, though the spectators sometimes laughed when he took the ball, the best South African batsmen dreaded his deliveries; indeed the late Aubrey Faulkner told me that you could never tell what pranks the ball would play.

In his first Test, which was lost by the tourists, he took six wickets for 43, and in the third, his five for 69 was the chief factor in South Africa's defeat.

Remembering that Loretto once had a most successful "lobster" (he got a rival school side out for eleven, I believe), I am sure lob bowling, if properly taught and well handled by an astute captain, would be effective in public school matches.

To-day, however, even in "preps," the lob bowler's is a "sair despit" profession (as the Glasgow plumber described both his own and the Elton masons in the well-known anecdote), and is also regarded, strange to say, as distinctly un-sportsmanlike. Indeed, the conception of lobs as "sneaks," underhand in more than one sense of the term, is minor cricket; I could never understand why.

At net practice, without a wicket-keeper to help him and no field set outside to catch sky-scraping slogs, the apprentice to this ancient art is apt to appear rather a poor joke. Yet a boy who would preserve in spite of ridicule (as I did in my school days, having had lessons from Humphreys during a holiday visit to the Sussex coast), and learn to break the ball both ways, without losing his length, would eventually reap a rich reward.

He would grow up in a generation of cricketers who have no experience of lobs, and would try, spurred on by the jeers and cheers of the crowd, to knock the cover off the ball every time. Even his bad balls would be liable to get a batsman caught in the country.

No "Bowler's Muscle."

The leg break would, of course, be his stand-by: for the "lobster," to whom it comes naturally, can produce it much more accurately than the over-arm bowler and without incurring that nasty pain in the right side, which sometimes plagues the over-arm bowler: it is the symptom of a nervous complaint.

due to physical strain, which falls in the same category as tennis-elbow, writers' cramp, etc., etc. Bowlers of over-arm leg breaks never last very long, and "old Jack" Hearn gave up bowling then to avoid the excessive strain, which had produced a hard knot of muscle in his arm.

A competent lob-bowler to-day would have at least as much fun as I have had ever since my first real success in a school house match when each wicket I got was greeted with booing by the opposition spectators. From first to last I must have taken one thousand wickets, in school, club and village cricket, and it often happened that a victim would remain long enough to accuse me of low-down tactics before drifting pavilion-wards.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

HOCKEY — To-morrow — Y.M.C.A. II. v. Radio Sports Club II.

RACING — To-morrow — Entries close for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting at noon.

AQUATICS — Saturday — Police Sports at the V.R.C.

LAWN BOWLS — Saturday — Second Division — Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Yacht Club v. H.K. Electric R.C.

MEETING — Saturday — I.R.C. Annual Meeting.

ABROAD.

CRICKET — To-day — Champions v. The Rest at the Oval.

YACHTING — Friday — U.S. President's Cup at Annapolis.

FOOTBALL — Saturday — Full English and Scottish League programmes.

HOCKEY SEASON COMMENCES.

Y.M.C.A. Play Radio Sports To-morrow.

The Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will play their first match of the season to-morrow when the second eleven play the Radio Sports Club second eleven at King's Park at 6.10 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. — L. D. Skinner; R. Dormer, L. W. Tipler; S. A. Sweet, R. A. Bates (Capt.), G. Mitchell; J. T. Ferguson, F. S. W. Smith, W. H. Smith, L. Macey and H. H. Muller.

Referee: A. C. Jeffries.

A STUDY OF WILLIAM BURKE

William Burke, who succeeds to the title of American champion forefelled by R. T. Jones, is a new and interesting personality. Of Polish origin, Burke's real name is Burkowski, conveniently shortened for purposes not altogether obscure. Twenty-nine years of age, Burke has had a varied career—caddy, blast-furnace worker, traveller, and professional golfer. In the latter capacity, Burke is now attached to the Blind Brook Club, Greenwich (Conn.); a course often visited by British golfers.

Two years ago, when making his first appearance in the winter tournaments of the West and South, Burke became known as the "black-smith golfer," not because of his hammer-and-anvil attitude towards the ball, but because of his old associations with the forge (states the Observer) it is rather singular that a man who spent some years in a calling as far removed from golf as it is possible to conceive, should find his name enrolled on the list of champions. Obviously, Burke's early training as a caddy is so deep-rooted as to make the transfer from the blast-furnace to the links an easy matter.

Nevertheless, there is a touch of romance in his amazing leap from obscurity to fame in a game in which there is a rich harvest to reap for men of outstanding personalities. What will Burke make of it? We shall know more next year, when, along with Hagen and others, he will descend upon Princeton, Sandwich, in the attempt to carry off the British championship. And in 1933 Burke will be in England as a member of the U.S. team to defend the Ryder Cup. These occasions will provide opportunities of judging whether the new champion has come to say or whether his victory is just a flash in the pan.

Miserable Failure.

Probably it was not the latter, otherwise Jones, who was present at Scioto and at Toledo, would hardly have tipped Burke as the winner of the championship. The prophecy was based on Burke's ability to hit the big American ball reasonably far and to keep it straight. We have it on the testimony of Compston, who was Burke's victim in the Ryder Cup match, that the latter's driving and long second shots to the green

were amazingly accurate. During the 30 holes which the match lasted, Burke was scarcely ever off the course, his score being five under 4's. If any excuse were to be advanced for the miserable failure of the British players in the Ryder Cup and the subsequent championship, it would concern the compulsory use of the large and lighter ball.

While pretending to be indifferent as to what type a ball they used, our men went to America hating the new implement, a feeling which grew in intensity as the airy castles came tumbling about their ears. As a studios observer, Jones is strongly of opinion that the larger ball did handicap the British players, particularly in two directions. In the first place, there was a hesitancy in hitting it firmly enough in the approach shots, the ball being either short of the objective or blown off the line. In the second place, the players appeared unable to judge the ball's flight when the wind was at their backs, the tendency being for the ball to pitch clean over the green.

As an illustration, Jones instances a shot played to the seventeenth green by Davies, in his match against Farrell, whose defeat, incidentally, was one of the great surprises Davies played what he believed to be an ideal shot, but with the wind behind, the ball pitched over the green on a downward slope and kept on running. What actually happened was that the wind getting under Davies' high pitch, added several yards to its length above that which he had calculated.

Standard Ball A Necessity.

The matter of ball handicap will work both ways. When the American team comes to this country they will have to decide between the use of their own type of ball, which entails a sacrifice of length, and the smaller and heavier British ball. With different balls in common use, each performing differently and requiring changes in clubs and in shots, it seems pretty obvious that a standard ball for international contests has become a paramount necessity. What would Test Match cricket be like if England, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa each had different regulations regarding the ball, the width and height of the stumps and the length of one crease? The game would be farcical; at any rate, it would not be Test Match cricket.

Perhaps in the next two years, the British and American authorities will be in agreement as regards a world standard ball. There is not the slightest doubt that the big ball, which has been imposed on five millions of American golfers without their consent, is unpopular.

The claim that the big ball is

easier to play with is pure moonshine. The wisest thing St. Andrews ever did was to refuse to follow America in an experiment which has pleased few and exasperated many. While the ball may be a contributory cause of Britain's complete eclipse in the U.S. Championship, an eclipse which, following on the Ryder Cup rout, has led the public to regard the tour as a fiasco, there are other reasons more cogent. One is that, with precious few exceptions, the wrong men were sent to America; and another is a lack of harmony in the original planning of the venture.

A Redeeming Feature.

It is a sad reflection on British golf that out of fourteen players only two—Davies and Allis—saw the championship through. The others, with the exception of C. Whitcombe, who was unable to compete, and Compston, who was disqualified, either did not qualify, or retired during the various stages of the event. If there is a redeeming feature of this unexampled story of failure it is to be found in the effort of a former British amateur, T. P. Perkins, now engaged in business in New York. Perkins not only completed the course, but tied with Hagen for eighth place, five strokes behind the leading score. It was left to an amateur to save the face of British golf.

A measure of sympathy may be extended to George Von Elm for his gallant fight, extending over five days, and ending in defeat by the narrowest of margins—one shot. While Burke is unknown in this country, Von Elm has been coming here as an amateur for the past five years, playing as a member of the U.S. Walker Cup team. He is an amateur no longer, having for financial reasons forfeited his status in order to follow the career of a "Business Man Golfer." Instead of putting money into golf in the shape of expenses, which he estimates at \$2,000 a year, Von Elm intends taking something out. In the six months of his new vocation he has been eminently successful.

Von Elm, like the new champion, has had a remarkable career. Starting life as a caddy in Salt Lake City, Von Elm launched into professional pugilism, then, returning to golf as an amateur, beat R. T. Jones in the final of the championship, the only occasion the latter has ever been defeated in a 36-holes match in a championship. As an insurance broker Von Elm established a lucrative business among the film actors and actresses with whom he played a good deal of golf at Hollywood.

It is a strange circumstance of a queer game that an ex-blast-furnace worker and an ex-pugilist should be the central figures of a world's golf championship.

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DEATH.

D'ALMADA E CASTRO.—On September 15, 1931, Miss B. d'Almada e Castro, the dearly beloved and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. d'Almada e Castro. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

the complainant cannot be exactly right in the head!

It is time, however, that the mental attitude of the authorities and of public utility companies changed toward this question of spitting. The authorities must forget the ancient and threadbare shibboleth of "Chinese susceptibilities"—a feeble, but too convenient, excuse for doing nothing—and introduce measures to impress upon the Chinese that if they expectorate in public places they do so at their own peril. That appalling average of 53 deaths per week from tuberculosis must be reduced, no matter how apparently drastic may be the measures enforced toward that end. Public utility companies must be pressed by the authorities to deal most firmly with their own employees who are caught in the act of spitting on buses or trams. They must be urged to exhibit many more anti-spitting notices on ferries, buses, and trams than obtain at present. One notice, even though it be in Chinese and English, painted on an insignificant part of the ferry or vehicle, cannot be seen by all Chinese passengers. On the trams the anti-spitting notice makes mention of a penalty for expectorators; but it is only a dead letter. We have yet to hear of a tram passenger being compelled to pay a fine of five dollars for spitting! In China itself the Chinese automatically obey a decree, knowing full well the dire consequences if they do not. Here, in a British Colony, the authorities are afraid of introducing reasonable and sane sanitary and hygienic by-laws and regulations lest they offend "Chinese susceptibilities." And it would not matter if the weekly toll from pulmonary tuberculosis were one hundred and fifty instead of fifty!

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1931.

Please—Don't Spit!

Up to Saturday, September 12, the deaths from tuberculosis totalled 1975—an average of 53.14 per week since January 1. These figures will interest few. They may—or may not—be read, only to be forgotten the next moment. They are, however, liable to be recalled when next one experiences one's stomach churning at the sight and sound of a Chinese expectorating in a ferry, bus, or tram. It becomes a matter of real personal concern when a contrary breeze wafts some of the germ-laden mucus towards one's own face or body. No language is too intemperate to denounce the expectorator and the practice. Instant resolve is made to "write to the papers," insisting that the authorities take drastic action against those who pollute public transport and spread the bacilli of tuberculosis. But that letter to the Editor may never be penned. An extra half hour at the Club or on the golf course (midget or otherwise) lulls one into supreme indifference to spitting in public places. If it is thought of at all again on the same evening it is merely in a spirit of indifference or helplessness. "The habit of spitting," it is reflected, "has got such a strong hold of the Chinese that it would be easier to stop 'squeeze' and 'cumshaw.' And so, nothing is attempted and nothing is done. Chinese bus and tram conductors and drivers shut their eyes to the loathsome practice, in which they are no less guiltless than their Chinese passengers. Anyone who calls their attention to a flagrant case of expectoration is greeted with a pitying smile signifying that

Mail Commentary.

The Union of South Africa.
The Union of South Africa is constituted under the South Africa Act, 1909. By that Act the self-governing Colonies of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal, and the Orange River Colony were fused in a legislative union under one government, and became original provinces of the

Union. A Governor-General and an Executive Council are in charge of the Departments of State. Legislative power is vested in a Parliament consisting of the King, a Senate, and a House of Assembly.

The Senate consists of 40 members—8 nominated by the Governor-General-in-Council, and 32 elected (8 for each Province).

The House of Assembly consists of 148 members chosen in certain specified Electoral Divisions.

In each Province there is an Administrator and a Provincial Council. Each Council has an executive committee of four. Members are elected to these Councils.

These Councils, which are being abolished, according to a cable appearing elsewhere in this issue, had authority to deal with local matters such as provincial finance, education, charity, municipal institutions, local works, roads and bridges, etc. But all Ordinances passed by a Provincial Council were subject to the veto of the Governor-General-in-Council.

Their abolition, because they have failed to balance their budgets, is rightly described as a "most important constitutional change." It has, we understand, been carried through in the face of severe opposition, but, as far as it has been possible to ascertain, the Provincial Councils have themselves alone to blame, for they are said to have, in many cases, revealed a lack of the responsibilities entrusted to them.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 77 degrees. The humidity was 90 at 10 a.m. and 69 at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Smithers, residing at 2, Married Quarters, Mount Austin Barracks, has reported to the Police that some time on Monday night, she lost from her quarters property to the value of \$100.

In an attempt to end his life, Wing Yu-yuen, of Canton, and of no fixed address in Hong Kong, jumped into the harbour from Arsenal Street yesterday afternoon. He was rescued and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The case against a Chinese Revenue Officer who is alleged to have assaulted a member of the commerce department of the s.s. Yuet On, was continued before Mr. Williams yesterday afternoon. After further evidence was taken the summons was adjourned until Saturday.

The Police removed to the Kowloon Mortuary yesterday the body of a Chinese man, aged about 60 years, and having the appearance of a street coolie. The man was found hanging by the neck from the navigation light at the entrance to the Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter. He is believed to have committed suicide.

The enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of a Chinese, one of six coolies who were killed when a slide of earth occurred at Wongneichong recently, was concluded before Mr. Schofield, coroner, and a jury at the Central Magistracy yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of "death by misadventure." They added the following rider: "At the same time we are of the opinion that Hangson should have taken stronger measures to remove the slides. In future we suggest that principal contractors should be held responsible for obtaining permits for all slides, shacks, or lean-to's erected in connection with excavating or building operations."

Personal Pars.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Frederico Alberto Baptista, St. Joseph Building, Block "C," to Leonora Joannina Franco, No. 225, Wanchai Road.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of James McLellan Walker, 376, The Peak, and Helen Audrey Weir, of the Matilda Hospital, and of Eric Woods, marine engineer, Butterfield & Swire, Shanghai, and Enid Grace Stephenson, en route on the s.s. Patroclus.

OURS IS A NICE COURT.

Counsel at Bow County Court: This case should never have been brought to this court. Judge Thompson: Why not? It's a nice place.

DR. KOCH.

Leaving the Colony for Home.

25 YEARS, HERE.

At the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday afternoon, the members bade farewell to Dr. Wilfrid Vincent Miller Koch, who, after 25 years residence in the Colony, is sailing for Home on the N.Y.K. liner Tenkuni Maru on Saturday.

The Deputy Chairman (the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E.) in extending the best wishes of the Board, said that Dr. Koch's association with the Board had begun with his arrival in Hong Kong in 1903, and was continued when he left the Government for private practice.

Dr. Koch's connection with the Colonial Medical Department began in 1889, when at the age of 27 he was appointed assistant surgeon in Trinidad. Later he was appointed medical officer in Trinidad. He left there in 1903, to take up the position of assistant surgeon in Hong Kong. He was medical officer at Victoria Goal and other Government institutions. Subsequently he became assistant superintendent of the Civil Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, and in 1914 was appointed superintendent.

Dr. Koch has been in private practice in the Colony since 1915.

GENERAL ELECTION.

(Continued from Page 1.) seeking perpetuation of economic nationalism by tariffs and, at the same time, advocating concerted international action to secure the stabilisation of gold.

Emergency Tariff Only Remedy.

Sir John Simon referred to the growing conviction that the balancing of the Budget was only part of the problem. The position of British currency in relation to external trade had to be faced, because the increasing adverse balance of trade, unless it were checked, would constitute a threat to sterling more serious than the temporary Budget deficit.

Threat to Sterling.

"The position is plainly this," said Sir John, "if the country puts itself in a position, for any length of time, in which it is unable to see the balance of trade, visible and invisible exports added together—to settle the balance of trade, manifestly there would be on offer a larger amount of sterling representing our purchases than there would be of foreign currencies representing their dealings with us, and the inevitable consequences must be that sterling would be exposed to the same kind of strain from which the vigour and energy of the Government has just saved it."

Budget Balancing Only Part of Problem.

After examining the possible ways of dealing with the situation, Sir John said, he was forced to the conclusion that an emergency tariff was the only remedy at hand. It was only a negative and partial measure, but it was essential. British Wireless Service.

MR. L. J. NORONHA.

Death Follows Fall from Verandah.

INTERNAL INJURIES.

The death occurred at the Government Civil Hospital, at 12.05 a.m. to-day, of Mr. Libanio Joaquim Noronha, a member of the staff of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., Ltd.

It will be remembered that Mr. Noronha was the victim of a distressing accident early on Monday morning, when he overbalanced and fell from the verandah of his flat on the first floor of 266, Wanchai Road. As a result of that fall he fractured his left leg and hand. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where his condition was reported to be fair. Internal injuries, however, revealed themselves later and, in spite of every thing possible being done for him, he passed away.

Besides his widow and two small children, Mr. Noronha is survived by his widowed mother, his brother, Mr. F. J. Noronha, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., and his married sister.

The funeral takes place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5.30 o'clock.

TRAGIC DEATH.

Young Portuguese Lady Drowned.

MISS B. D'ALMADA.

The tragic death, by drowning, of Miss Bruna d'Almada e Castro, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. d'Almada e Castro, son, of "Salville," Mount Davis Road, married a bathing picnic at Island Bay, Shek-O, yesterday afternoon.

Miss d'Almada, who was only a fair swimmer, appeared to have been dragged into deep water by a strong ground-swell. She cried for help, and Mr. G. S. Graver, of the P.W.D., who had been bathing with the unfortunate girl (who was in company with her mother) went to her assistance and brought her to shore, unconscious. She was taken to Colonel T. A. Robertson's house at Shek O, where artificial respiration was applied. Meanwhile, the Police were communicated with from the Shek O Club, and Dr. G. H. Thomas, of the Government Civil Hospital and an ambulance were speedily summoned. Dr. F. Bunje, who was at Shek O at the time, was called in and he pronounced life to be extinct. The body was later removed to the parents' residence in Mount Davis Road.

Miss d'Almada's father is senior partner of Messrs. d'Almada and Mason, of which her brother, Frank, is also a member.

The funeral takes place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30.

MR. H. E. SCRIVEN.

Laid to Rest at Happy Valley.

LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The funeral of Mr. H. E. Scriven, manager of the furnishing department of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., whose death was reported yesterday, took place at the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

The Rev. G. T. Walldgrave officiated. The chief mourners were the widow and daughter, and Mr. T. G. Stokes, of the Land Office (brother-in-law).

There was a large attendance of friends to pay their last respects, including the Directors and staff of Lane, Crawford's. Beautiful floral tributes were sent by members of the family: "Loving Wife and Betty," "Mother and Father," "Jack and Jill," "Brother and Sister-in-law," Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stokes.

Other wreaths were sent by the Directors and Staff of Lane, Crawford, Ltd.; the local Staff, Ladies' Department; Furnishing Department; Staff the "Corner House"; Committee and Members of the A.D.C.; Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders; Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird and Officers of the H.K.V.D.C.; Members of the H.K.V.D.C.; Serjeants' Mess of the H.K.V.D.C.; and the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Zetland Lodge 525, E.C.

To-day's Thought.

There was a time when advertising was regarded as a luxury to be enjoyed in times of prosperity. Now, with greater wisdom, it is recognized that a higher return is given for this form of expenditure than for any other form of selling effort.—Sir Ernest Benn.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of September 16, 1921.)

The Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., will launch the s.s. Paludina from their new shipbuilding yard at 2.45 on Saturday afternoon, September 24.

This is one of the 8,400 tons d.w. bulb oil carriers they are building for the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd., and will be the first oil tanker to be built in China, and incidentally the first vessel to take the water from their new shipyard. The dimensions are, as follows:—
Length between perpendiculars 412' 0"
Breadth 63' 5"
Depth moulded 31' 0"

DEMOCRACY'S DECLINE.

The Case for State Control.

ROTARY CLUB ADDRESS.

Mr. J. D. Bush, addressing Rotarians yesterday at the weekly dinner, dealt with the possibilities of the system of "State Capitalism."

Democracy, he said, was entering upon a new phase of development, after being in the ascendancy from the 19th century onward. It had brought many advantages in its train, but, confronted with the tremendous reconstructive needs of our times, had hitherto failed to fulfil its promises. No recent electoral reform had gone down to the root of the corruption and incompetence of our modern democratic government. The problem of government "by the people" might work in theory, but not in practical application.

In the economic field, the philosophy of *laissez faire* had received its death blow. The individualistic principle had been tried and had failed to equalise the economic benefits of a nation. The principle was fruitful of abuses. So that the western nations had suddenly realised the interdependence of financial and economic strength of nations.

The Remedy.

The remedy lay in joint action by the community. Many economists had frankly admitted the need for nationalisation of production, distribution, and exchange. But Mr. G. B. Shaw had warned his public that nationalisation, though theoretically sound, took a lot of doing, in practice. In fact, the transition from individualism to state capitalism was no easy task, unless the violent and drastic methods of Soviet Russia and Fascist Italy were adopted. This was perhaps the reason for the world-to-day being a wanderer in the desert between commercialism and socialism.

The speaker went on to consider the workings of Fascism and the Soviet. He doubted whether such a regime of despotism could be imposed upon countries like Britain or America, although it might be done in China. As to the Soviet regime, although it had manifest defects, it did seem that it served the purpose of an anti-toxin against a good many of the evils ascribed to individualist capitalism. Its coming was gradual, but inevitable.

Defence of Democracy.

Professor Robertson, in returning thanks to the speaker, said that democracy was still strong in America and Britain, although there was a great deal of confusion in the world generally. In Italy and Russia forms of despotism existed, which were quite unsuitable elsewhere. Perhaps vast social schemes had been adopted without counting the cost, as in Britain, where those obligations had been incurred without taking into account how the competitive power of the nation would be affected.

A good case might be made out for socialism in the banking world, but there were equally strong arguments against it.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Two Imported Cases of Typhoid Fever.

TUBERCULOSIS TOLL.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended September 12, is as follows:

Cases Deaths	
Typhoid fever	9 1
Puerperal fever	— 1
Diphtheria	1 —
Tuberculosis	— 52

Two cases of typhoid fever were imported.

Summary to September 12.—The returns from January 1 to September 12 give the following figures:

Cases Deaths	
Typhoid fever	145 30
Small-pox	14 3
Scarlet fever	3 —
Diphtheria	87 28
Cerebro-spinal fever	15 8
Puerperal fever	18 9
Paratyphoid fever	1 —
Tuberculosis	— 1,975

Nineteen of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were three scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, one cerebro-spinal fever case, and 27 diphtheria cases.

On Monday one case of cerebro-spinal meningitis was notified.

EUROPEAN AIRMAN MISSING.

Trans-Atlantic Flyers Long Overdue.

HOPE ABANDONED.

New York, Yesterday.—Although contending planes are still scouring the zone has been practically abandoned for the safety of the trans-Atlantic flyers.

It is just possible, however, that they landed at an inaccessible part of the Canadian coast, and are unable to communicate with the outside world.

Earlier Message.

The Junker's trans-Atlantic aeroplane which left Portugal on September 13 is two hours overdue, and its whereabouts are unknown since it was sighted by the steamship *Penland*, yesterday afternoon, 400 miles east of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Two pilots left here at midnight in an attempt to locate the flyers, but returned this morning reporting that visibility was poor and nothing was seen. — *Reuter's American Service.*

[The airmen are:—Willy Rody and Christian Janssen (German) and Costa Vie (Portuguese). They took off from Juiz de Fora, near Villa Franca, on September 13, in a specially constructed Junker's aeroplane, in an attempt to cross the "Big Pond" from East to West.]

TIENTSIN BRITONS

Extrality and Rendition Opposed.

MASS MEETING.

Tientsin, Yesterday.—Britons in Tientsin are holding a mass meeting this afternoon in the Gordon Hall to oppose the giving up of Extrality and the rendition of the Tientsin concession. — *Reuter.*

MARINE OFFENCES.

Mooring in a Prohibited Area.

One boatman and seven boat women were this morning charged before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), in the Marine Court, with mooring their vessels within 150 feet north of the Government slipway pier in Yamaudi Bay. They all pleaded guilty, and one of the women advanced the excuse that she had moored there for a short while only, while she went ashore to buy some kerosene oil. The Magistrate retorted that she was not allowed to moor there under any circumstances.

Fines of \$5 or five days' hard labour, in default, were imposed on each of the accused.

No Mast-Head Light.

A fine of \$10, or 10 days' imprisonment in default, was imposed on the master of a fishing junk for failing to exhibit a white light at the mast-head of the craft while under way in the harbour.

MARINERS WARNED

Yangtze River—South Channel Entrance.

The Inspector General of Customs gives notice that on or about October 6, 1931, and without further notice, the *Tungsha Light-vessel*, moored in the South Channel Entrance to the Yangtze River, will be temporarily withdrawn from her station and replaced by a relief light-vessel. The relief light-vessel is painted red and has no name upon its side.

The light, which is dioptric, of the fourth order, shows a fixed white light varied by an eclipse every 10 seconds, thus:—

Light 5 seconds

Eclipse 5

and is visible in clear weather for a distance of 11 miles.

During foggy or thick weather a fog bell will be struck one blow every 15 seconds.

In order to show the direction in which the light-vessel is riding, a white riding light will be exhibited from sunset to sunrise at the bow, at a height of 12 feet above the deck.

On the completion of the repairs to the *Tungsha Light-vessel* she will be replaced on her station and the relief light-vessel withdrawn, without further notice.

SOUTH AFRICAN CHANGES.

Provincial Councils to Be Abolished.

BUDGET TROUBLES.

Cape Town, Yesterday.—The South African Government has decided to abolish the Provincial Councils.

This is the most important constitutional change in South Africa since the establishment of the Union.

The chief reason for the Councils' inability to balance their budgets, — *Reuter.*

"FOR THE DEFENSE"

Defence of English Spelling.

A writer in the *Newspaper World* says:

A matter which has upset me badly this week is the plastering on the walls of London—and the provinces, too, I doubt not—with the advertisement of an American talking-picture which they have the impudence to print as "For the Defense."

I noted, that the bills I saw were printed in England—and my view is that the printer ought to be in jail. I turned to the evening paper to see how they spelled the word, and believe me or believe me not, *The Evening Standard* and *The Evening News*, the cravens, used the "s" in the word which, ever since we have had a language, has been spelled with a "c."

No Concession.

There must be no concession to the Americans in this matter. Our spelling is the priceless heritage of the British and although we can't alter the pronunciation of the college girls who have at us from the screen, or ever hope to stop them by screaming, or hurt them by hurling our boots at the sheet—I say that something ought to be done—even if it be no other than writing to *The Times* about it—something should be done to stop this American spelling on the walls of Britain.

Star Wobblers.

The Star was not quite so bad as its two contemporaries—but it was wobbly. In one announcement it spelled "defence" with a "c" and in another with an "s." Still, I don't call that cricket. I have turned to my dictionaries. *Punk and Wagnalls' Standard Dictionary* uses the "s," as it does also in the word "offence," and then has the saucy to observe "offence" is "the usual spelling in Great Britain and its dependencies." I wonder what old Doctor Johnson would say to that word "usual"?

WRITTEN NEWSPAPER.

Library Secures First Copies Of Australian 1838 Production.

Sydney (N.S.W.), Aug. 13.

The first copies of the "Melbourne Advertiser" written in pen and ink, have just been acquired by the Mitchell Library. The newspaper was started by John P. Fawcner in 1838, and the first nine numbers were foolscap size, two columns to the page. Each copy had to be written; no printing machine was available, and duplicators were unknown.

The first number said:

"We opine that Melbourne cannot reasonably remain longer marked on the chart of advancing civilization without its 'Advertiser.' Such being our important feat, we do intend, therefore, by means of this our 'Advertiser,' to throw the resplendent light of publicity upon all the affairs of this new colony."

When machinery arrived and the tenth issue was printed the newspaper was immediately suppressed for not complying with the Colonial Press law. Undaunted, Fawcner, in February, 1839, printed the "Port Phillip Patriot," which lived until 1842. Fawcner became a member of the first Legislative Council in Victoria and died in 1869.

While playing in a parents' day cricket match at Solihull Grammar School, Birmingham, Mr. Frank Miller, art master, of the school, collapsed and died.

Plantations at Calanga, in Angola, Central Africa, have been completely devastated by a gigantic swarm of millions of locusts. For some hours the sun was completely obscured by the swarm.

LADY ASTOR IN RUSSIA.

Moscow Journal's Account.

"TALKS" WITH WORKERS.

The Moscow newspaper *Pravda* has published an account of conversations which, it is stated, Lady Astor had with workpeople during her recent tour in Russia. Below we give a translation.

A party of Russian factory workers who have been awarded a Continental holiday for their efforts under the Five-year Plan has reached London.

The *Pravda* article is as follows:—

We do not know what Lady Astor will say about U.S.S.R. She was given every opportunity of acquainting herself with the various aspects of life in Soviet Russia and (Oh Bolshevik terrorists!) she was even allowed to conduct a propaganda of capitalist, Christian, and Spiritualist ideas of which is an adherent.

Lady Astor had several conversations with "the oppressed population" of the Soviet Union in the Communist collective farm "Lenin," and as these conversations are of interest not only to Lady Astor we take the liberty of reproducing them in brief.

In the repair shop Lady Astor addressed the American worker, Comrade Bak. She asked him about the conditions of work in the Communist collective farm, and finally inquired whether he was quite happy. "Yes," Bak replied, "I am happy." "This is not true," Lady Astor exclaimed. Bak shrugged his shoulders and smiled: "I have no interest in telling lies."

"Written in His Soul." This brought the conversation to an end. "He is unhappy, this man is unhappy," Lady Astor remarked, on leaving the repair shop. "I could see it written in his soul." From the way Lady Astor had said this, it was plain that she was quite serious. This was evidently a case of "practical spiritual divination."

After inspecting the model dairy of the collective farm Lady Astor left her companions a little behind and spoke to the milkmaid, Maria Kardash. "Tell me," Lady Astor said, "is yours a hard life?" "Nothing to complain about," the milkmaid replied. "Things are getting on very well on our collective farm."

Lady Astor: It is not you personally I mean, but the whole settlement.

Maria: If the settlement is doing well, I, too, am doing well.

Lady Astor: This is not true. You are made to believe it. If a man does not try to do things for himself he can achieve nothing.

Maria: But when we thought only of ourselves we lived a wretched life, but on the collective farm we live a collective life—and it is quite a different matter. No collective farms are indispensable.

Lady Astor: But you must understand that a collective farm oppresses you. It does not allow you to live as you desire. I, for instance, am independent. I go where I want. I do what I like.

Maria: But you are rich. What about the workers in your country?

Lady Astor: Our workers live well. They are literate. They are educated.

Maria: I do not think their life is so happy. As for their being educated, the more educated they are the sooner will they organise a revolution.

Lady Astor: We shall never have a revolution.

Maria: Indeed you will. A revolution you must have! Even in our country, where many of the workers at the beginning of the Revolution were quite illiterate and uneducated, the October Revolution took place. And if, as you say, the workers in your country are educated, they will certainly have a revolution.

Lady Astor: Whatever happens we shall have no Bolshevism.

Maria: Yes, you will. There will be Bolshevism. You can't do without them.

Lady Astor: No, no, no, no.

A Woman from Australia.

In the large bakery of the Communist settlement Lady Astor spoke to a woman who had lived for many years in Australia. After a few questions, Lady Astor resumed her questions. "Is your life here much worse than in Australia?" The woman replied, "Not at all. I am much happier here. I am never out of employment, and my work is valued here. I have three children who are

educated at the expense of the State, and each of them is now specialising in a certain branch of industry. I should never have had enough money to give my children a proper education in Australia."

"But, surely," Lady Astor exclaimed, "your conditions of life are worse."

"No, I am much better here."

"But in Australia you had a room of your own."

"Yes."

"And here?"

"Here five other persons share my room."

"Goodness gracious! And you really think that you are better off here?"

"Certainly."

Lady Astor turned excitedly to Shaw and told him about the woman who shared a room with five other persons. "It depends what sort of room it is." When Shaw entered the large room with many windows, he said to Lady Astor, "In England fifteen workers would be glad to live in such a room."

The Happy Peasant.

In a neighbouring village Shaw and his companions visited a number of cottages, speaking to the members of the collective farm and to those of the peasants who have not yet joined it. Lady Astor addressed an old moujik: "How are you getting on?"

"Splendidly," the old man replied. "And you can't even imagine, dear one, how wonderful our life will be in a few more years. It is true sometimes there are difficulties, but then it is ourselves who do everything. It is ourselves who shape our lives."

"I'm so glad," Lady Astor remarked, "to see a happy and contented peasant."

"We work, dear one, we work. Just see how strangely my heart beats," and, grasping Lady Astor's hands, the old man pressed them to his heart.

We do not know ("Pravda" concludes) what Lady Astor will say or write about U.S.S.R. One thing, however, is clear. Lady Astor has seen for herself how mendacious are the stories of her party, about forced labour in the Soviet Union.

WOMAN'S 14 CHILDREN.

Coroner On Birth Control.

"I feel very sorry for this woman. She knows nothing about birth control," said Mr. Ingleby Oddie, addressing a mother of fourteen children at a Paddington inquest. The inquest was on Sonny Potter (3), son of a window cleaner, of Edgware Road, W., who died from shock as the result of his head becoming wedged between a wall and a bed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, the mother, said that her husband earned from £2 to £2 5s. a week, and they paid 25s. a week in rent. Ten of her fourteen children were living.

Mr. Oddie: Never heard of birth-control clinics, have you?—No.

Are you in perfect health yourself?—No.

Mr. Oddie: I am not surprised. Do you go to work yourself?—Yes.

Recording a verdict of accidental death, the Coroner said it used to be thought a good thing to have a teeming population, but the views on that subject were now beginning to change.

He gave the woman £1 from the poor-box.

It's Shocking.

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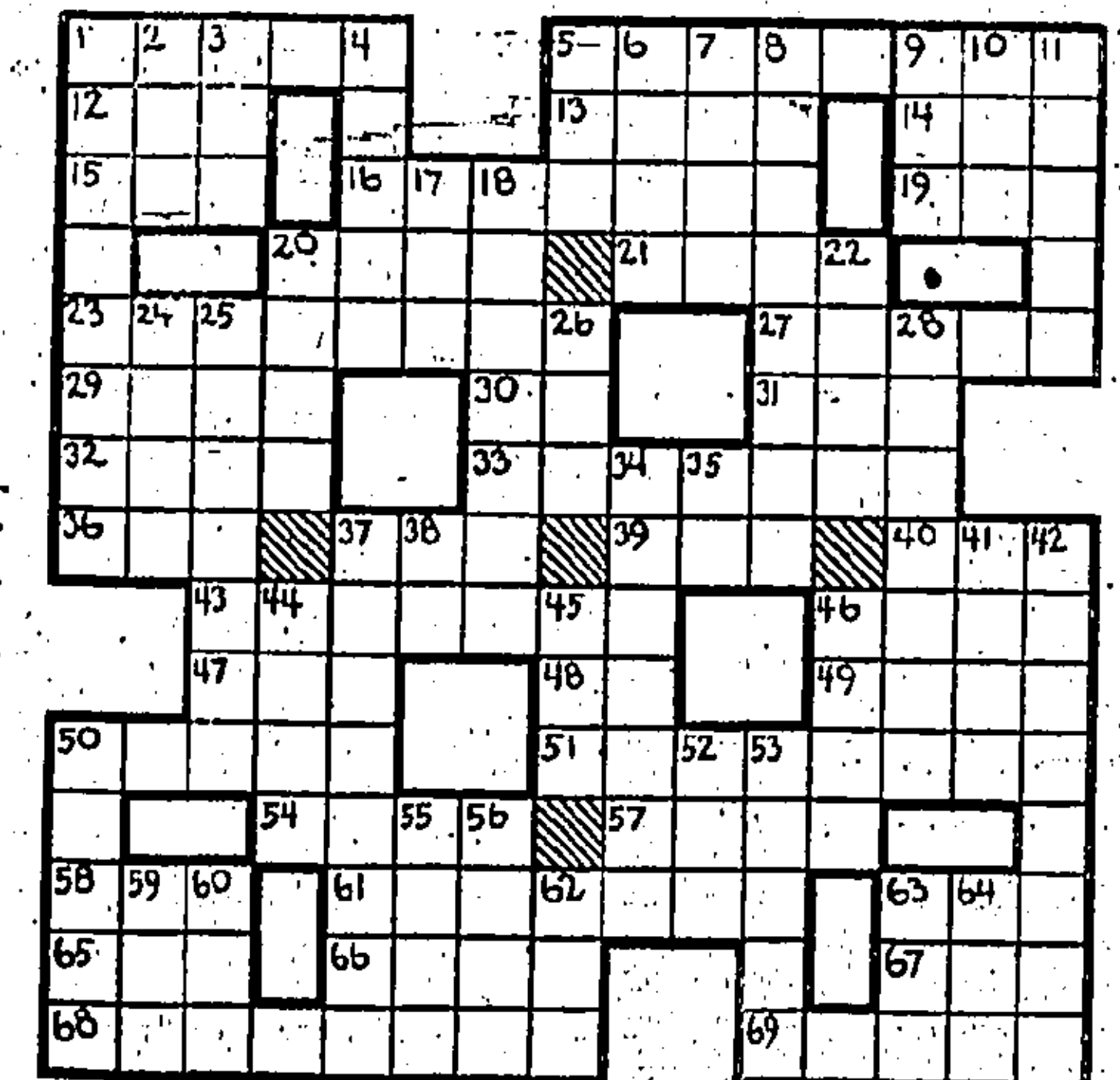
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Banks.						
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Chartered Bank	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
Bank of Asia	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1545	1545	1545	1545	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
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H. K. Fire Ins.	1485	1485	1485	1485	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
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Douglas	31	31	31	31	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
H. K. Steamships	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
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Benguet	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
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Langkat (Single) Th.	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
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Hongkong Th.	370	370	370	370	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
N. Engineering Th.	430	430	430	430	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
Shanghai Docks Th.	106	106	106	106	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
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Melao Sugars	30	30	30	30	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31
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H. K. Govt. Loans	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Dec.	1st 1/- 1/2 1930-31

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1-To map
2-A city in California
12-Concealed
13-Large mouthed pitcher
14-A measure of weight
15-Consumed
16-Filled full of holes
17-Correlation
18-A gambling game
21-A seabird
22-Quality of being patient
27-Title of kings of Abyssinia
28-Paras (abbr.)
31-No (Scot.)
32-A river in France
33-Oriental
35-Boy's name (short)
37-In music, Alto
38-Greek goddess of the dawn
40-Faust
43-Incubated, as, principles
46-To heap
47-Ancient trading vessel
48-In
49-Arder, or dash

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
50-Fierce carnivorous mammal
51-Unaffected by time
54-To give medicine to
57-Hub of a wheel
58-To freeze
59-Famous prison in London
63-Prefix—in favor of
65-Small house
66-Tallest of plants
67-Even, contrasted
68-Biggest, or fattest
69-Dispatches
70-Victor in an open contest
71-A success
72-An American humorist
73-A number
74-Suffix meaning footed
75-Tool for boring holes (pl.)
76-To appear
78-A forest in Belgium and France
79-Greek long E
80-South American mountain range

VERTICAL
1-Tavern
17-Any calendars of business
20-Old plural of cow
22-To carry on the person, as a dress
24-A melody
25-Testing, with the tongue
26-Time-period
28-Belonging to a people not Jewish
31-A form, or romance
35-Toward
37-Insult openly
38-Short for Lulu
41-Exclamation of regret
42-Grants a pension to
44-Require
45-To corrode
46-A Hawaiian goddess
48-A particular object
52-A floor covering
53-Makes level
55-Dried and yellow
56-Female sheep
58-Automobile
59-Gilt
62-To obtain
63-A sty
64-A color

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TAI MING	THURS. 17th	SAT. 19th	SUN. 20th	MON. 21st
TAI HING	MON. 21st	WED. 23rd	THURS. 24th	FRI. 25th
TAI MING	WED. 23rd	FRI. 25th	SAT. 26th	SUN. 27th
TAI HING	SUN. 27th	TUES. 29th	WED. 30th	THURS. 1st
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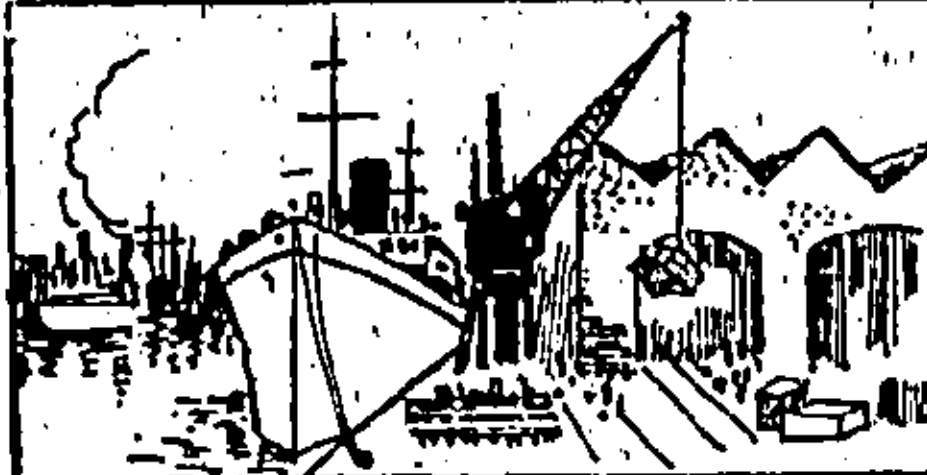
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Shipping Intelligence

DOLLAR LINERS.

Trial Trip of President Coolidge.

With the President Hoover first of the Dollar Steamship Lines eight million dollar liners now nearing Hong Kong, the President Coolidge, second of the pair, left Newport News shipyard on the morning of September 10 for her trial trip. The President Coolidge was put through paces for two days and then returned to the yard for final touches before being turned over to the Dollar Steamship Lines. She is due to leave New York on October 15 for the Orient with every assurance that she will be booked as heavy as the President Hoover.

Captain K. A. Ahlin, former commander of the President Taft and who commanded the President Harrison on the initial trip of that vessel on the Round-the-World service, is now at Newport News to take command of the President Coolidge. Chief Engineer William Dugan has been in the shipyards since early in the construction of the President Coolidge. Mr. Dugan spent considerable time at the plant of the Westinghouse Company at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, observing the assembly of the giant generators and other mechanical adjuncts of the huge ship.

Mr. E. D. Seeley, formerly purser on the President Pierce and the President Cleveland, will be in charge of the pursers department of the President Coolidge with Mr. Harry Laycock, formerly of the President Wilson, in charge of the stewards department.

Since the visits of the President Hoover to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu and Japan ports, the Dollar Line Offices have been flooded with messages of congratulations on the building of vessels of the type now to be presented to the Orient for the first time. The ship received a royal welcome at Honolulu, all but exceeding the hearty welcome accorded her at Los Angeles and San Francisco.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:
Cornflower—West wall (dock).
Magnolia—In dock.
Moth—East wall.
Oswald—East wall.
Phoenix—East wall.
Seraph—North wall.
Seraph—South wall.
Sterling—South wall.
Stormcloud—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.

Foreign.

Angus—French gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
Regulus—French gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Garbeta left Shanghai for this Port on the 13th instant at 5.30 a.m. and is due here on the 16th instant at about 2 p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada left Vancouver for Hong

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. Taiping for Australia via ports on September 15:
Mr. W. H. Beatty, Miss Blackstone, Mr. John Cooney, Bishop and Mrs. H. S. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Grant, Master Grant, Miss Grant, Miss Howe, Mr. Alfred Keane, Miss Lawry, Mr. Mangan, Mrs. Ogilvie, Captain S. E. G. Ponder, Mr. F. H. Taylor, Mr. J. A. Urquhart, Miss L. Walters.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, September 14.
Changchow, British str., 1,203 tons, Capt. Jenkins, from Amoy, Tai-koo Dock—B. & S.

Yamagata Maru, Japanese str., 3,807 tons, Capt. C. Sakurai, from Karatsu, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tuesday, September 15.
Calcutta Maru, Japanese str., 5,338 tons, Capt. G. Kaneko, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Chenonceaux, French str., 14,825 tons, Capt. G. Pruneyre, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.

Chian Lee, Chinese str., 1,850 tons, Capt. K. Ishii, from Tsingtao, buoy No. B8.—Yee Tai Hong.

Chillagoe, Chinese str., 954 tons, Capt. N. Roco, from Manila, Kowloon Dock—Williamson & Co.

Cremier, Dutch str., 2,784 tons, Capt. G. J. Harmsen, from Singapore, buoy No. A12.—J.C.J.L.

Hong Peng, British str., 2,525 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Singapore, buoy No. A10.—Ho Thong & Co.

Kutsang, British str., 5,847 tons, Capt. W. A. Balch, from Calcutta, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Menelaus, British str., 6,324 tons, Capt. W. H. Probert, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—B. & S.

Nanning, British str., 1,486 tons, Capt. J. Anderson, from Swatow, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Sphinx, French str., 6,724 tons, Capt. Saccocc, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.

Tjisadane, Dutch str., 5,779 tons, Capt. J. J. Bauckert, from Batavia, buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Captain W. Shaw, from Amoy, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on September 12, and is due here on October 2 (Fri.). She will sail for Manila on the same day, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Vancouver on September 14 (Mon.) 2 p.m.; left Vancouver on September 26 (Sat.) and is due at Hong Kong on October 14 (Wed.). She will leave Hong Kong (for Manila) on September 15 (Thu.) 5 p.m.

U.S. LINES SALE.

Bidders Summoned to Discuss Details.

Washington, Sept. 2.
The shipping board's desire to sell the United States lines to a group including the Dollar Line and Paul Chapman interests encountered further obstacles to-day, with the result that the board again summoned bidders to discuss details.

This move came after instructions were already issued for the drawing up of a contract.

Spokesmen for the interests headed by Kermit Roosevelt declared that the board promised further hearings on the sale before taking action, and that the board was expected to live up to this.

It was understood in authoritative quarters that in event the Dollar group purchases the United States lines, the two new vessels now being built for the United States lines will be placed in the Pacific service.

The United States Lines were purchased by the Chapman interests two years ago, but the owners were obliged to seek better terms because of adverse business conditions, throwing the lines open for sale anew.

The United States Lines operate the only major American-owned trans-Atlantic passenger service, and include America's largest vessel, the Leviathan.—United Press.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Bengloe are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after September 18.

Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Penrith Castle are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after September 18.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the "largest-scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

September 16 to 22, 1931.

Date	High Water	Low Water
Sept.	Standard Times	Standard Times
16	11.45	5.45
17	12.28	6.08
18	13.30	6.50
19	14.44	7.44
20	15.58	8.41
21	17.12	9.41
22	18.26	10.41



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Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 12	Dec. 20
Empress of Russia	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 4

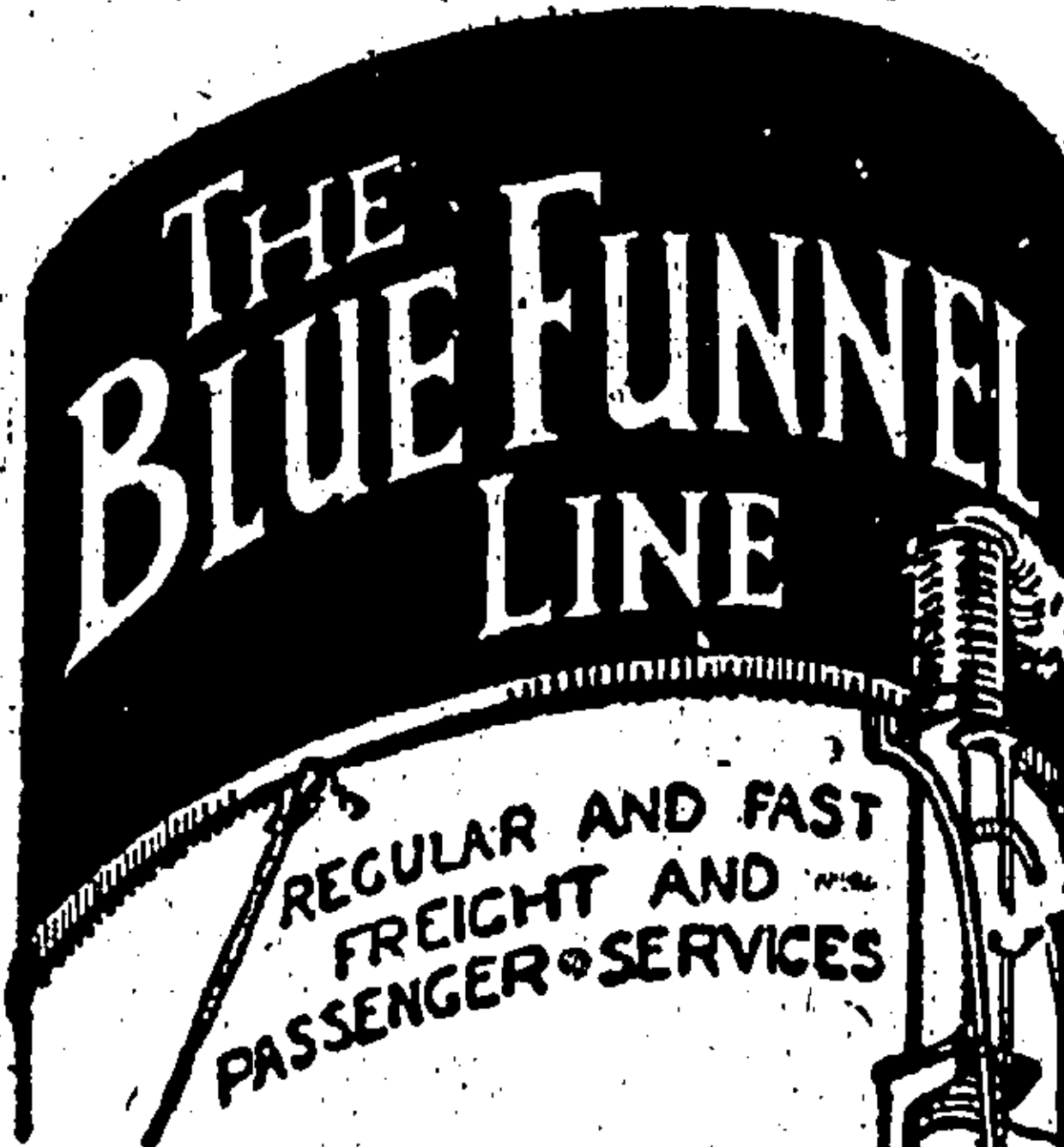
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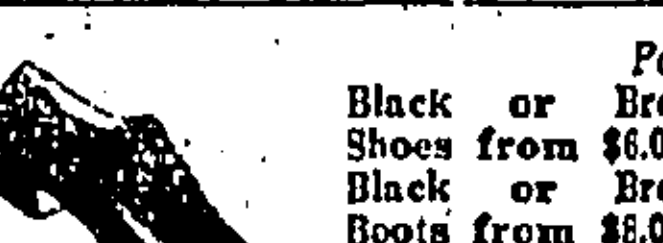
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"Anglo-American" is to be the

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This prophecy comes from Mr.

Herbert Marshall, the West-end

actor, who has interrupted his

Hollywood contract to make a

series of films in Britain with his

wife, Miss Edna Best, who recently

"ran away" from Hollywood to

rejoin him, says G. A. Atkinson in

the Daily Telegraph.

Mr. Marshall told me that he

was convinced that talkies on both

sides of the Atlantic were evolving

a new mode of English pronunciation

to audiences in each country.

British and American players in

Hollywood are co-operating in the

formation of the new speech.

The Americans are getting rid of

their "nasal intonation," and the

British are learning not to use their

tongues, an effect which Americans

call "adenoidal."

"Ronald Colman is practically

perfect in the new speech," said

Mr. Marshall, "though Ronnie, in

private life, has a trace of Scottish

accent. Clive Brook is making

great progress in it. H. B. Warner

and Leslie Howard—who is a ter-

rific American hit—are experts in

the new vocal fashion, and I am

beginning to think that I know

something about it myself.

"Lefterant" or "Lootenant."

"The Hollywood English were

the first to explore the possibilities

of a new pronunciation, because it

was found that 'standard' English

was not congenial to the Middle

West, and the American players

followed suit when it was found

that 'standard' American made

North of England audiences rest-

less.

"Ruth Chatterton's pronunciation

is as English as makes no matter,

and the voices of William Powel

and Gilbert Emery could easily be

mistaken for English.

"Unless a common mode of speech

can be standardised they will have

to make films in each language.

This was actually done in the case

of the new Maurice Chevalier film,

"The Smiling Lieutenant," in which

the world 'lieutenant' is pronounced

'leutenant' in the American ver-

sion."

Mr. Marshall gave me a few

illustrations of the new pronuncia-

tion.

"The essential thing for the Eng-

lish to do," he said, "is to stan-

dardise the 'a' sound. It is pro-

nounced in 'Anglo-American' prac-

tically as it is pronounced in the

North of England. Take the

word 'Plaza,' which, in its correct,

Spanish form, has almost the sound

of 'Plazza.' Some Americans call

it 'Plazza,' and others 'Plaza.' Most

English people pronounce it

'Plazza.' The affected English say

'Plawza.' The ignorant say

'Playza.' There is also a Cockney

variation with an 'ai' sound. The

correct 'Anglo-American' pro-

nunciation is between 'Plazza' and

'Plawza.'

HANDS THAT DRAW.

"Jiggs" Fascinate Portrait Artist.

J. Campbell Phillips stepped back

from the canvas on which he was

working in his studio in Carnegie

Hall. A portrait of George Mc-

Manus, creator of "Bringing Up

Father," so life-like that the figure

might turn around on the easel at

any instant, was revealed.

"Now that that's done," he re-

marked after an instant's scrutiny

of the picture, "I'd like to paint the

hands that draw 'Jiggs'."

"That's what I've been wanting to

do ever since you started sitting for

me, Mr. Manus. Make a study of

those hands. They're fascinat-

ing!"

Phillips went on to explain that

McManus' hands create an atmos-

phere of intense power and are

singularly lacking in prominent

veins, a feature that makes them

particularly suitable for portrai-

ture.

McManus became as embarrassed

as a school-boy, and looked care-
fully at the manual marvels.

"I never knew they were that in-

teresting before," he commented,

"and I've been living with them for

—oh, well, a number of years. It

just goes to show you what you miss

by being too close to things!"

"Aside from the fascination of

McManus' hand, Phillips praised

him highly as a subject.

"The hours when McManus was

posing were some of the most de-

lightful I've spent in years," he said.

"It's easy to see why 'Bringing Up

Father' is such a popular comic. He's

a natural story-teller and his

sense of humour and wit constantly

creep out in conversation.

"So, from the social standpoint,

I'm sorry the painting has been com-

pleted."

McManus is keeping the disposal

of the painting a mystery, except

to admit that he will take it to Cal-

ifornia when he makes his annual

trip to the West Coast.

Wherever it hangs, however, it

will be a perpetual reminder of the

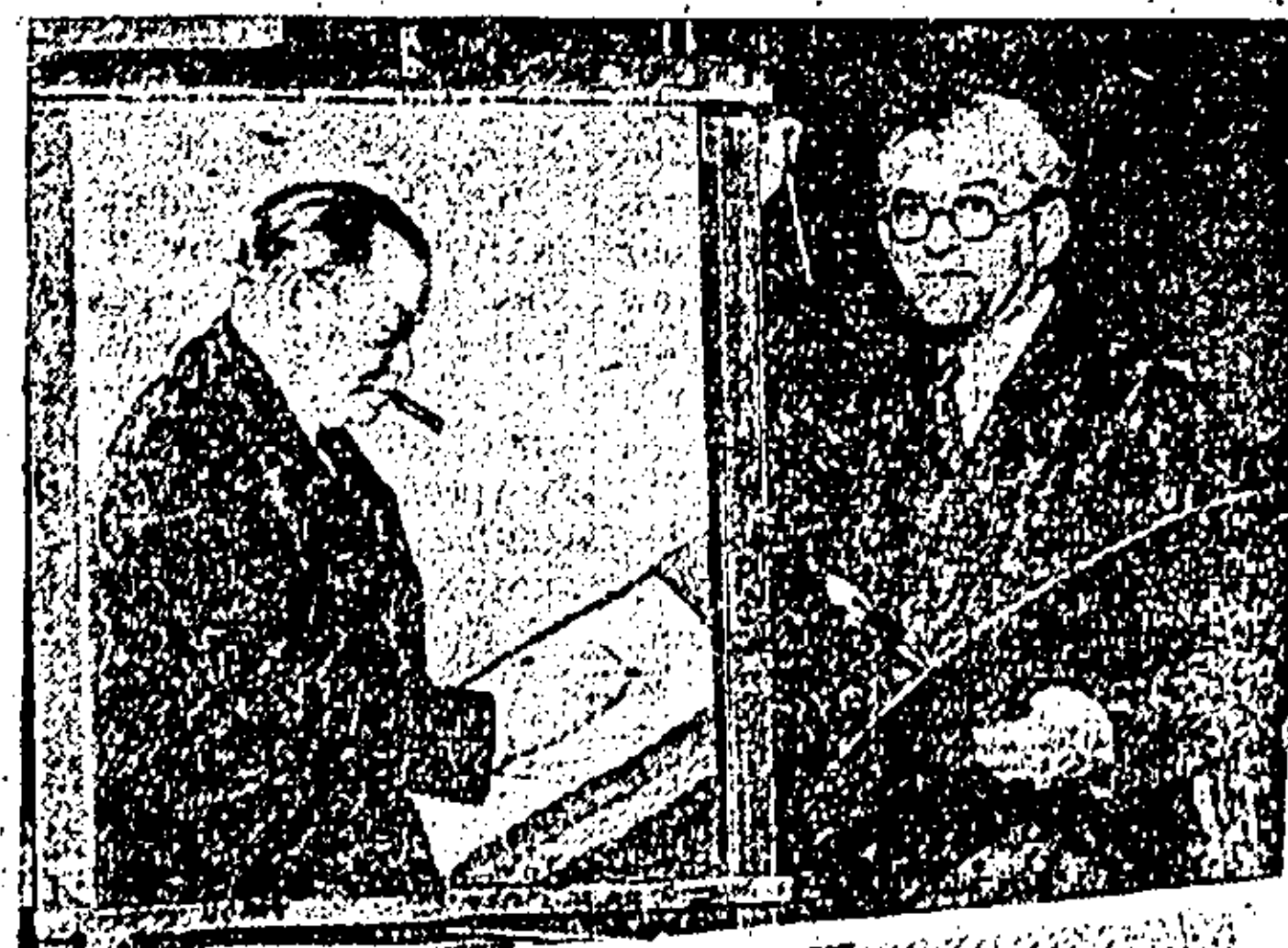
work of one of the pioneers in the

comic strip field.

"Bringing Up Father" appears

regularly in the China Mail and the

Sunday Herald.



McManus' Portraits.

J. Campbell Phillips (right) of

New York has put George McManus

on canvas in a portrait to life-

like that the creator of the "Bring-

ing-Up-Father" comic feels he'll

have to shave it every day. Phil-

lips, on completion of the portrait,

announced he wants to paint a

picture of the hands that draw "Jiggs,"

shown below, since they offer an ex-

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powerful appearance. "Bringing

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house of playing cards. The house

was equipped with all the refine-

ments of modern interior deco-

ration, but according to the expres-

sion of the owner had no lavatory.

Since Isa Bey had won these

laurels, one of his neighbours had

no peace. He built himself a

palace in the shape of a giant

dragon, taking as model a huge

prehistoric beast which he found

pictured in a book. The entrance

represented a gaping jaw into

which the guests marched. From

the nostrils extended two lanterns

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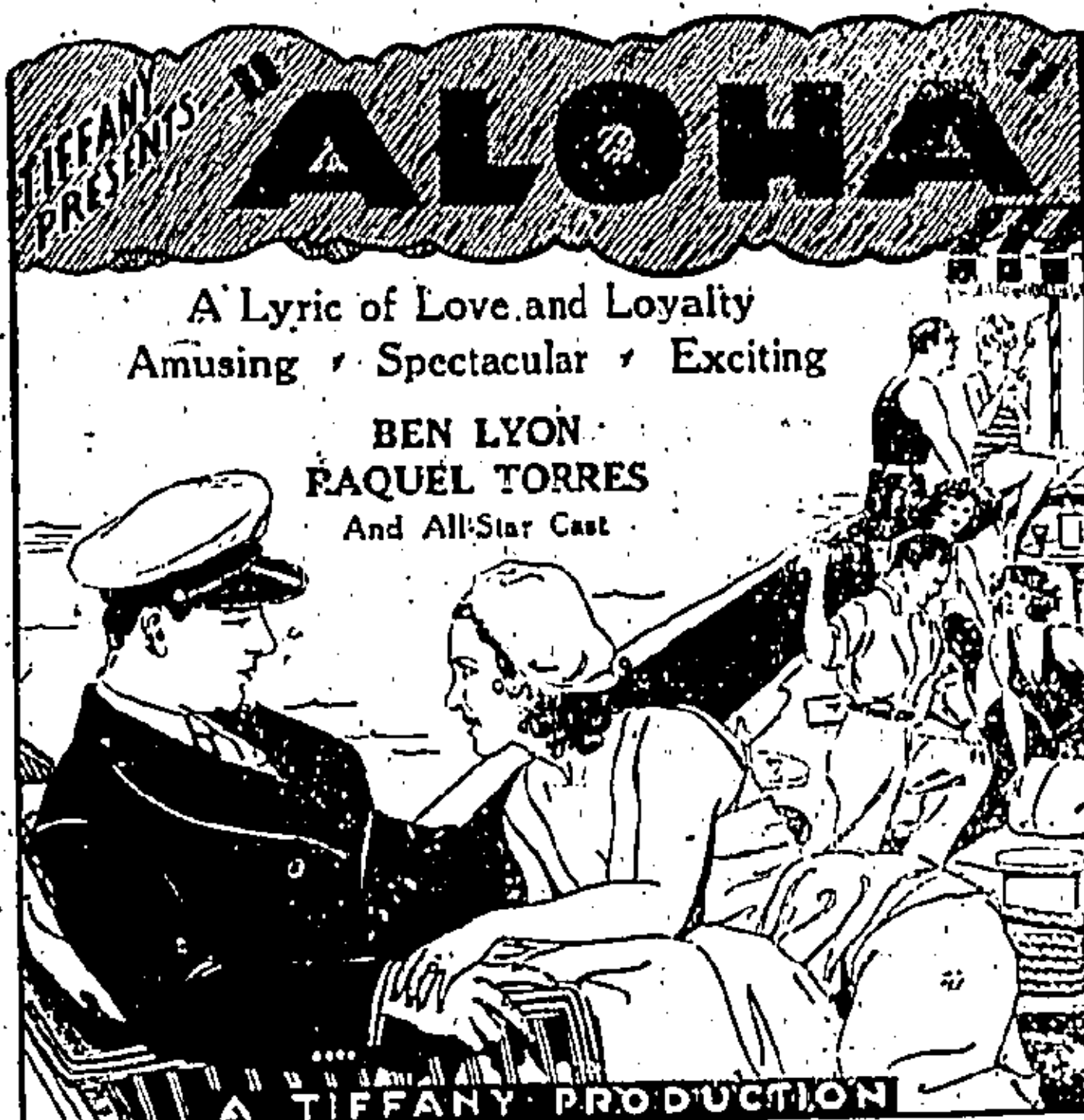
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DISPUTE OVER A COAT.

Plaintiff Who Forgot
His Books.

WRIT STRUCK OUT.

In the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Lindsell ordered the writ to be struck out in an action brought by Jhandad, a tailor, of 29, Nathan Road, Kowloon, against M. Gauthier, of 6, Queen's Road, Central, for \$18, price of a palm beach coat.

His Lordship said that his action was not caused by the merits of the case. Addressing plaintiff, he said: "I am not going to show you any further consideration. You come late into the Court and don't bring your books with you. You cannot expect any consideration. Your own papers, produced, (by defendant), don't support your story. If you want to pursue the matter further you must take out a new writ."

Tardy Plaintiff.

At the opening plaintiff was 25 minutes late in arriving. When asked where he had been, he said he had been "attending to customers."

His Lordship (severely): You deserve to have your claim struck out, coming into Court at nearly half-past ten, when the hearing was set for ten o'clock.

Plaintiff then went into the witness box, to give his version of the affair. He said he was given the order to make the coat on April 4 last. There was no arrangement as to when it was to be delivered, but defendant said he wanted it ready within two days. It was ready in that time, but defendant did not call for it, and only called after plaintiff had written to him about two weeks later. When defendant came the plaintiff was out.

Conflicting Opinions.

His Lordship: Was the coat never fitted?—No, he never put it on. On August 4 I took it to his office and wanted to hand it over. At first he said "I don't want it, I haven't any money." Then I told him if he had no money at that time, he could pay me the following month.

Defendant: I never said that! His Lordship: Wait, your turn, please!

Plaintiff continued—that M. Gauthier finally took the coat. Four days later he brought it back to the shop, saying that the quality of the palm beach was not good, and that the garment didn't fit. Plaintiff reminded him that he chose the palm beach material himself. If the coat did not fit, he was willing to alter it. In plaintiff's opinion the coat was a good fit. Defendant insisted that it was loose at the back.

His Lordship: Did you alter it?—No, I thought that would make it too tight, and spoil it. Defendant then left the coat with me.

No Books Produced.

Defendant was asked if he wanted to question plaintiff. His first query was "Did you make my coat in time?" He thereupon handed up a letter to His Lordship, written from plaintiff's shop in July, which said, "Please note the coat was ordered by you on May 22."

His Lordship asked how it was that plaintiff, in evidence, had said that the coat was ordered on April

ABANDONED LEE ENFIELDS.

Taken Possession of
By Police.

1914 MODELS.

Mr. W. Schofield, in the Central Police Court this morning, granted an application made by Sub-Inspector Rogers, for the confiscation of the component parts of three long Lee Enfield rifles, which were found in a dressing table drawer on the first floor of vacated living quarters at the Asiatic Petroleum Company, North Point, on September 13.

Sub-Inspector Rogers said that he was called over to the premises by the manager. The rifles were done up in twelve packages, and in good condition, and were those of the type used in early 1914. They had been left by a European head storekeeper who had been dismissed, and had sailed for Europe on the s.s. Cathay the day before.

PEAK MANSION ROBBERY.

Woman Receiver of
Stolen Property.

HEAVILY SENTENCED.

On June 29 last, a robbery was committed on the second floor of 18, Peak Mansions, the residence of Captain and Mrs. J. Krogh-Moe. The thief, or thieves, decamped with jewellery to the total value of over \$4,000.

In the Central Court to-day a woman was charged with having received four of the stolen articles, and pawned two. These were a diamond wrist watch and a gold and diamond ring set with a sapphire stone.

After evidence had been adduced, the Magistrate convicted the woman on all three charges, and fined her a total of \$300 with the alternative of two months' hard labour.

MISSIONARY SET FREE.

Peking, Yesterday.

The Apostolic Delegation has received a telegram from Lachokow stating that the Reds had released Monsignor Ricci, who was captured at Chayuenkow on May 15.—Reuter.

Plaintiff was understood to reply that his clerk must have made a mistake. He himself could not read English.

His Lordship: But the letter was written on your instructions.

Stern Rebuke.

Plaintiff made a hesitating reply, and said he might have been mistaken himself, whereupon His Lordship said, "What is the use of your coming here and telling lies? How could the clerk think of the date May 22 of his own accord? Do you still say the coat was ordered on April 4?"

Plaintiff replied that he had not seen his order book.

His Lordship: Have you brought it with you?—No.

At this point the writ was directed to be struck out, as stated, His Lordship explaining to defendant that plaintiff would be at liberty to take out a new writ, if he desired to do so.

SHARE MARKET STEADY.

Attention to Hotels
and Ewos.

LATEST FEATURES.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The market opened steady this morning, especial attention being paid to Hotels and Ewos, there being buyers at \$17.35 and \$15.90, respectively.

Banks were again in demand at \$2.04.

Canton Insurances were in request at the improved rate of \$1.545.

Unions were wanted at \$555, after sales being reported at \$560.

H.K. Fire were wanted at \$1,485.

Wharves, after being disposed of at \$164, closed with buyers at this rate.

Docks were again in demand at \$23.

Providents, which were reported to have been put through at \$6½, closed with buyers at \$6.40.

Hotels (old) were in demand at \$17.35, with sellers asking \$17½. The new shares changed hands at \$16½ and \$15.60, at which latter rate they closed in demand.

Realities could have been obtained at \$17.40.

Ewos were wanted at \$15.90.

Shanghai Cottons were also in request at \$1.04, as were Zong Sings at \$1.12½.

Trams, which were the medium of sales at \$22½, closed in demand at \$22.85.

Star Ferries were wanted at \$95½, as were Yaumati Ferries at \$26½.

China Lights were done at \$29½, closing with buyers at \$29¼ and sellers asking \$29½.

Electricity could have been obtained at \$82½.

Cement had buyers at \$20½, but sellers asked \$20¾.

Amusements were all in demand at yesterday's rates.

Constructions cum rights were in request at \$14.20, and the Rights were the medium of sales at from \$2.55 to \$2.70.

AIR SPEED

RECORD.

Another Attempt
This Week.

PREPARATIONS AFOOT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The British Schneider Team is actively preparing for another attack upon the International Three Kilometer record which was held by Flight Lieutenant Stainforth on Sunday to 379 miles an hour. A specially tuned in Rolls-Royce engine will shortly be installed in the Vickers Supermarine used on Sunday and, meantime, tests are being made with a new type of propellers. It is probable that Flight Lieut. Stainforth will make the new attempt on Thursday or as soon after as the weather is suitable.—British Wireless Service.

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